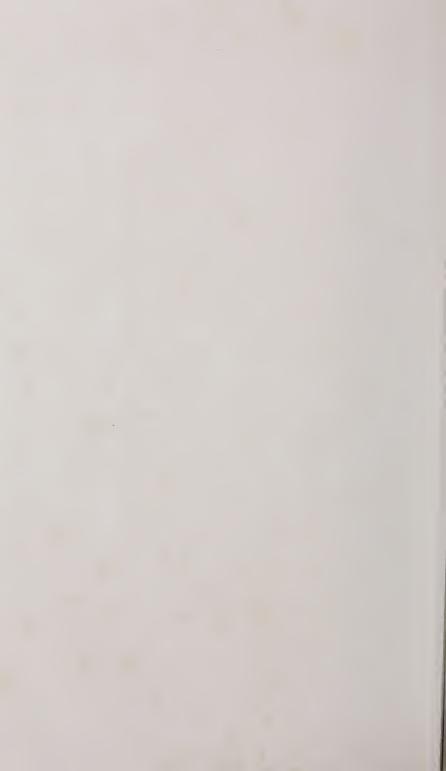


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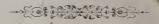
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY,

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, 1852-53.

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REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Berkley, submit the following detailed report, as required by law.

DISTRICT No. 1. Central. Alden B. Chase, Prudential Committee. In this District there have been $5\frac{1}{2}$ months of public School. Summer term, 3 months, Winter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ months.

Miss Mary B. Cook, of Fall River, was employed to teach the Summer school, She, though young and inexperienced, performed her duty as teacher, with more than common ability and success.—Dana I. Jocelyne, of Amherst College, taught the Winter School. His labours as teacher were entirely satisfoctory, both to the District and Committee.

DISTRICT No. 2. Northwest. Cyrus L. French, Prudential Committee. Duration of public school in Summer and Winter, was 4 months. Aroline S. Darling, taught in Summer, and Ebenezer Gay, Jr., in Winter. Both teachers were of Bridgewater. Summer term, was 11 mouths, Winter, 21 months. Simply to say of these schools in laconic phrase, as advised by the Prudential Committee, "that they began and ended," we think would not be doing justice to all interested. For these teachers to make their first essay at teaching in a school larger, and perhaps more difficult to govern than any other in town, was unfortunate both for the school and themselves. We attribute their failure in part to inexperience, but chiefly to the number and character of their pupils, of whom some merit severe censure. To withdraw scholars from a school, though done from the best of motives, has a direct tendency to destroy the credit of a school, and to increase existing evils, and is always a measure of very doubtful expediency. Rather let parents and guardians seek to remove all ground of complaint by friendly interviews with the teacher, and by exerting a direct and controling influence over those under their care.

DISTRICT No. 3. Bridge. George Crane, Prudential Committee. This district had but one term of public school, 3 months and 7 days, kept in winter. The teacher Franklin C. Davis, of Bowdoin College, conducted the school with uniform skill and success. In a school district where there has often been complaint, it is no little merit to secure universal approval, but we think Mr. Davis entitled to the higher commendation of being an efficient and faithful instructor, inferior to none employed among us.

DISTRICT No. 4. Timothy Hollow. David Hoxie, Prudential Committee. In this district there was 2 months and 5 days public school. It was taught by Daniel S. Briggs, of this town.—Mr. B. is an experienced and faithful teacher. Our chief regret is, that the scholars could enjoy the benefit of his instructions no longer.

DISTRICT No. 5. Assonet Neck. As Shove, Prudential Committee. Duration of public school in this district, was $3\frac{1}{4}$ months; taught in Winter by Walter D. Nichols, of this town. His zeal, fidelity and skill in teaching and governing, are well established. Would that all our schools exhibited like indications of progress.

DISTRICT No. 6. South East. Daniel Strange, Prudential Committee. There was but one term, 4 months, public school in this district during the past year. The school was kept in Winter and Spring by Mary E. Walker of Dighton, whose success in teaching was not above the ordinary standard. If we mistake not, she failed to exert so good a moral influence, as was desirable. Should she act in the capacity of teacher again, we hope she will be more mindful of her pupils in this respect.

DISTRICT No. 7. North East. Christopher French, Prudential Committee. This district has had $5\frac{3}{4}$ months public school. In Summer $3\frac{1}{4}$ months, in winter $2\frac{1}{2}$ months. Sarah M. Witherell, the teacher in summer exhibited uncommon fidelity and diligence, instructing and governing her school with success. The Winter school of 10 weeks, was taught by Sarah Crane. Her assiduity, skill and success in teaching merit high commendation. Under the care of these teachers both of whom were of this town, the school has made very marked progress.

Having finished the details of their report, your committee feel constrained by a sense of duty to make a few suggestions, by due attention to which, they believe our schools may be much improved.-The citizens of this town should never rest satisfied until every district has a good public school, sustained at least six months every year. In this we believe nearly all are agreed. What then are the things to be done that we may have such schools? Are they not manifestly these? To make a judicious arrangment of school districts; to provide good school houses, good teachers, and ample appropriations. Nor are these the only things needful. A judicious selection of text books, by their superintending Committee, proper parental influence, regular and punctual attendance on the part of pupils, and a faithful supervision by the School Committee, if not absolutely indispensible, are justly considered most efficient aids in promoting the success of our schools. Upon all these topics we do not propose to speak. We would however present such of them for your consideration, as seem to have the strongest claims upon your immediate attention, and call loudest for reform.

The Committee have from time to time recommended that district No. 4, should be divided among the adjacent districts. The reasons for it are obvious. For some years past the whole number of scholars in this district has been about twelve, and the average attendance eight. It scarcely need be said that it is a waste of means to support a school for the benefit of so few, who to say the least would suffer nothing from being connected with other existing districts.—Will not the town immediately take suitable measures to effect this very desirable object, advantageous to all, injurious to none?

In respect to school houses, there are but two in town which are in all respects suitable. In No. 3, all things considered, a new house seems more needed than in any other district. It is to be hoped that no repairs except of a temporary nature, will ever be put upon any of the five school houses to which allusion has been made; and, that in due time, four new ones will be substituted for them, that the comfort, profit and health of the scholars may be better secured.

With regard to teachers, it is universally conceded that none but such as are well qualified should be employed. Such only can well perform their appropriate work, and even such may fail, as experience too often demonstrates. Persons often appear before examining Committees, and having the requisite moral and literary qualifi-

cations, are approved as teachers of particular schools, whose success under existing circumstances, is extremely doubtful in the judgment of the approving Committee. Were an approbation withheld, the applicant would consider himself deeply injured in reputation and business, and the Committee would be severely censured. The prudential Committee having contracted with such a teacher. he must be approved, and the experiment whether he can or cannot teach with success, must be tried. That these experiments, doubtful in their results, are too often made, as all who are well informed as to our public schools, know. Hence it is of importantance to avoid this experimenting which often results in much evil. and this can and should be done by those who contract with teach-They should employ teachers of established reputation, should continue their services from term to term, if successful, and when they employ the young and inexperienced, (as they often must do,) they should do it only under favorable circumstances, i. e., where the school is small and easily governed.

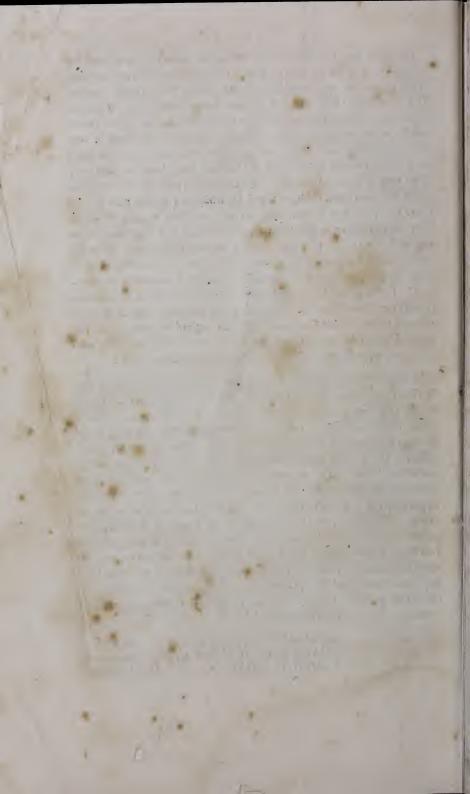
Under such circumstances success may be reasonably anticipated. In fact the selection of a teacher is the main point, the thing of vital importance, requiring great care and discretion. Prudential Committees often unacquainted with the difficulties of teaching, and desirous of obtaining a teacher for a low price, and thus to secure the benefit of a long school, are prone to think almost any one having sufficien learning can teach a school. Hence they generally speak as if it were an easy business to instruct their schools. Many an inexperienced and unfortunate teacher, has no sooner beheld the materials upon which he has pledged himself to labor than his heart died within him, and he wished, devoutly wished he had been born under some more auspicious star. But it is now too late, he must "go ahead" as the phrase is, whether good or ill betide him, forseeing too the unequal award. For, if by dint of tact and perseverance he pass the fiery ordeal, and labour with success, he will receive but a modicum of praise. If he fail, though environed with more vexations than beset Job, whose patience sustained by conscious integrity, and set forth as the brightest recorded example, finally gave way, he will be the object of unmingled condemnation. This is no fancy picture, but it sits forth what occurs daily among us.

That teachers thus situated, should fail we might reasonably conjecture, that they so often succeed, is rather a matter of surprise.—
Let then the character of the school be duly considered and a teacher employed with special reference to it.

We come now to speak of the amount of money that should be appropriated to the support of public schools. And here it is gratifying to notice that something has been added the present year.-The town would have merited commendation for its liberal appropriation, had not that vote, more honorable to us than any other recorded for many years, been recinded before it took effect, and a less sum substituted. As things now are, we must call attention to some facts which though humiliating, it is hoped may have a salutatary effect upon our future action. The sum now voted is only equal to \$2.70 for each child between 5 and 15, while in Taunton each child's share last year was \$5.00. Do not our children need and ought they not to receive as good an education as those of Taunton. sum at first voted by this town, was by no means too large. It would have divided to each child about 3.50. Can any intelligent man think \$3.50, too much to be annually expended on a child's education? Some of our larger and more enterprising towns raise more than three times this sum. How long will Berkley, once in advance of most towns in this Commonwealth, in regard to education, unmindful of her honor, her duty and her interest, delay to make adequate provision for the education of her children and youth?

In preparing this report, brevity and utility have been constantly kept in view; hence we forbear to speak of minor existing evils. If any should think we need an apology for having said so much, we find it in the importance of our subject. No complaints of this kind would be heard, were the subject duly weighed. For among all those, affecting the welfare of man, education ranks first. It is this which has created that gulf of separation, broad and almost impassable between savage and enlightened nations. We will not however attempt to portray the benefits of education, but conclude with a single remark. We believe, on the testimony of an inspired Apostle, that superior piety causes the saints in Heaven to differ, as one star differs from another star in glory; and we know from observation, that superior education produces like differences among men in this life: nay more, that aided by it, the enlightened Christian, according to the divine promise, may by "turning many unto righteousness, shine as the brightness of the firmanent forever and ever."

BENJAMIN CRANE, Jr.
School
SHADRACH HATHAWAY,
ALDEN B. CHACE,
Berkley.



REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND OF THE

SELECTMEN,

OF BERKLEY,

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1853-4.



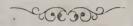
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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



The School Committee, reminded of their duty, by the lapse of another year, would present the following, as their annual report.

They organized by appointing B. Crane, Jr. Chairman and A. B. Chace, Secretary, and such arrangements were made for the examination of teachers and for visiting the schools as seemed expedient.

During the past year there has been more public school in town than in any previous year; the aggregate being thirty-five months and eleven and a half days.

DISTRICT No. 1. (Common) Edward Slade, Prudential Committee. This District had about six months public school. Miss Clara Hodges, of Norton, taught this school three months in Summer. She had some of the qualities of a good teacher, but was quite too indulgent to her pupils, and thereby the discipline of the school manifestly declined.

The Winter School was taught by Mr. Dana I. Jocelyne, of Amherst College. The Committee judging from his success, in the same school, the previous Winter, anticipated that he would soon restore order. In this they were unhappily disappointed. They however believe that this failure resulted, from a want of judicious and persevering effort on the part of the teacher. The Committee feel obliged to say, the school has not

exhibited as clear evidences of improvement as in former years. Tardiness was a growing evil during the last term.

DISTRICT No. 2, NORTHWEST. Tamerlane Burt, Thomas C. Dean, and Jonathan Crane, Prudential Committee. Duration of public school in this district was four months, one half of which was Summer, the other, Winter School.

During both terms the school was under the care of Miss Sarah J. Dean, of Raynham. The condition of this school has greatly improved the past year. In her efforts to govern and instruct, the teacher was eminently diligent and successful.

DISTRICT No. 3, BRIDGE. George Babbitt, Prudential Committee. There have been five months and thirteen days town school in this district. Miss Narcissa Y. Chace, taught the school with her usual good success, two and a quarter months in Summer. Samuel Jones, of Raynham, an experienced and efficient teacher, had charge of the school during the Winter term. Under his instruction the pupils generally made very satisfactory progress.

DISTRICT No. 4, TIMOTHY HOLLOW. Samuel Newhall, Prudential Committee. In this district there were two and three fifths months of public school. The school was taught by D. S. Briggs, with his usual success. See last years report for further views of Committee respecting this district.

DISTRICT No. 5, ASSONET NECK. As Shove, Prudential Committee. Duration of school in this District was six months. The Summer school was taught by Miss Charlotte E. Dean, of this town. As a teacher, though inexperienced she satisfied the expectations of the Committee, and we think of the district.

Mr. As Shove taught 3 months in Winter. The progress of the school was commendable. The deportment of the scholars on the day of examination merits praise.

DISTRICT No. 6, SOUTHEAST, had three and a quarter months of public school, which was kept in Winter. The teacher Mr. Eliot Sanford, of Raynham, though young and inexperienced, by his fidelity and energy gave entire satisfaction to the Committee, and we believe to the district.

DISTRICT No. 7, NORTHEAST. The amount of public school in this district has been greater than in any other in town, the past year, it being seven and three quarters months.

The summer term was four and a quarter months, and the school was taught by Miss Sophia A. Townsend. In teaching she exhibited diligence and perseverance, and her pupils made corresponding progress. The Winter school, of three and a half months, under the care of Edward A. Crane, was attended with ordinary success. The average attendance in this school, compared with the whole number of scholars, has for several years past been less than in any other district. This gives presumptive evidence of culpable neglect and want of interest on the part of parents, as to the education of their children. And as a necessary consequence the benefit of the school is to a great extent lost.

We come now to speak of what has been done and of what further, can, and should be done, to promote the efficiency and usefulness of our schools. Under the former head we notice with satisfaction the very liberal appropriation made by the town, for the support of its schools the current year. This act alike honorable to the town and gratifying to the friends of education, imposes upon them new obligations, to make a wise use of the

means provided. It was said in our report, last year, that the citizens of this town, should never be satisfied until each district had a good public school, sustained, at least six months every year. The sum voted by the town the present year, if wisely used, would secure this result. But is it probable that it will be so? We can better judge of this by reviewing the past history of our schools. Our object now is to call the attention of the town to the inequality of privilege, as to schools, which now exists. One district last year had but two and three fifths months of public school, while another had about eight months, which is nearly three times as much. Suppose a supply of food only sufficieint, to satisfy the wants of our children, were thus unequally divided among them. How long, think you would such a division be tolerated. Not a single week would elapse, before the town, would be in a state of agitation and commotion, and a more egitable mode of division, would be devised and adopted. indifferent are we, when a similarly unequal distribution is made, or is to be made, of the intellectual food by which the minds of our children are to be nurtured, and all their powers and susceptibilities, developed and disciplined for the arduous and momentous duties of life. Should the same course be followed this year which was last, District No. 4 will have about three months of school; while all other districts with but one exception will have from six to ten. That this glaring inequality should be remedied all will agree. Again there is a great want of economy in the mode of expending the school money. This becomes evident when we compare the number of teachers employed, with the average attendance, or even with the entire number of persons in town between the ages of five and fifteen years. erage attendance in all the schools in Winter, one hundred and eighty. Five Teachers might instruct this number assigning thirty six pupils to each, and thirty six cannot be considered too many to be under the control of one teacher. There is not a town in the county of Bristol, which has so great a number of districts in proportion to its population as Berkley. Somerset the smallest town in the county except ours, with a population of eleven hundred and sixty six, has only five districts, while Berkley with nine hundred and eight, has seven.

Did our school districts embrace as large a population as theirs, we should find materials for but half our number of districts. We have introduced Somerset because it is a small town and because it exhibits a fair specimen of districting as practised by other towns. these facts, to what other conclusions can we come, than that we have at least two school districts in town more than are needed, and that hence our school money is unwisely expended. That some remedy for these evils should be devised is apparent. We know there are many difficulties in the way, when it is proposed to remove old and well established land-marks. Notwithstanding, we should take the subject into consideration, and see if matters cannot so be arranged, as that these evils shall disappear. If we all come to understand that important advantages are to be secured, and become willing to lay aside our selfish views and interests, for the noble purpose of so arranging our schools, as that they may become an honor to the town, and a blessing to the rising and all future generations, then our difficulties will vanish and a better order of things will speedily arise. That all may enjoy equal advantages, perhaps it may be necessary to change in some respects, or to abolish the district system and have all the schools, under the immediate jurisdiction of the town. Many reasons may be urged why the system of districting should be abandoned. Among them the following should be carefully considered.

It would secure equality of school privilege to all the scholars in town,

It would probably lead to grading the schools, and consequently to better classification.

No more schools would be supported than are needed.

Better school-houses would be provided.

And in many cases better teachers would be employed; but if the teachers were the same, the schools would be assigned them with strict reference to their qualifications, and their probable success.

Other reasons might be added; but whether the districts be abolished or not our best efforts should be constantly put forth for the purpose of elevating and improving our public schools. And in the opinion of your Committee no measure would prove more advantageous than that of grading them. This may be done by establishing three schools expressly for the older and more advanced scholars, to be entirely under the control of the town, and to be so located as best to accommodate all. To each of these schools the town could appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars, by which they might be kept in operation five months annually. Thus the more advanced scholars would be provided with a school of a higher order, and during a longer period than they usually attend. The balance of the school money being divided equally among the districts, as now established would give each of them fifty dollars, a sum sufficient to sustain a Summer School for the younger class of pupils. Should the town adopt either of the measures of reform suggested in the report, most of the other existing wants of the schools would as a consequence soon be supplied.

Your committee therefore close this report by expressing their full belief, that they have brought to view the true, the fundamental cause of the many evils so often complained of, and that the only remedy is to abandon to a greater or less extent, that which is the procuring, the *producing* cause of them, namely the district system, a system established by an act denominated by Mr. Mann, the most unfortunate ever passed in

relation to schools, and a system too, which has been recently abrogated by many of the towns in the Commonwealth most distinguished for their zealous and judicious efforts in behalf of popular education.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN CRANE, JR. School Com-SHADRACH HATHAWAY mittee ALDEN R. CHACE, of Berkley.

P. S. From a circular isued by Dr. Sears, Secretary of the Board of education, it appears that the Board have divided the Commonwealth, as required by an act of its legislature establishing State Scholarships, and that Berkkley belongs by this division to the second class of towns; therefore according to a further provision of the above named act, the School Committee in Berkley, may in A. D. 1855 reccommend as candidates for scholarships one or more young men, inhabitants of the town, and in their opinion duly qualified. Persons desirous of further information in relation to this subject are referred to the Circular now in the hands of the School Committee.

REPORT

Of the Selectmen of Berkley, exhibiting the financial condition of the town, as nearly as by them could be ascertained.

April	10th,	1854.
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Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, Notes for Fish and Oysters,					
Balance due from Collector, after deducting commissions,	451				
Amount,	<i>\$</i> 754				

Of which probably six hundred and forty four dollars, may be collected the present year.

CONTRA-TOWN OF BERKLEY DR.

To Ebenezer Hervey, Note and Int. "Theodore A. Burt, " " "Adelaide R. Pierce, " " "Isaac Record's, Salary, "Thomas J. Burt's bill, "School Committees bill, for services	
" District No. 3, " " 7, " Darius Phillips, Jr. " Giles L. Leach,	78.09 12.00 155.01 40.07
Sundry small bills, Available credit as above,	80.00 1846.35 644.00
Total indebtedness,	\$1,202.35

TOWN PROPERTY.

Farm and buildings,	\$3,500
Inventory of Stock, &c.	850
Town House,	900
Standard weights and measures,	150
Books in the Town Clerk's possession,	40
	\$5,440

All of which is respectfully submitted,

NATHAN CHACE, Selectmen BENJ. CRANE, JR. of Berkley.

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1857.



In compliance with the regulations of the Statutes of the Commonwealth, the School Committee of the Town of Berkley submit the following annual

REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, Thomas Burt. Length of School, in Summer 9 weeks; in Winter 12 weeks. Whole number of Scholars, in Summer 28; average attendance 23; in Winter 35, average attendance 28.—This School during the Summer term was under the instruction of Miss Sarah M. Wetherell of Berkley, an experienced, zealous and faithful teacher. Under her care the Scholars made a commendable progress in their studies and exhibited a state of discipline creditable both to themselves and their instructor. For the first five weeks of the Winter term it was under the charge of Nathaniel G. Bonney of Fall River, when he was succeeded by Jonathan M. Wood of the same place, who taught during the remaining seven weeks of the term. Under the instruction and discipline of Mr. Bonney the school presented a very favorable aspect, as the more than ordinary talent which he possessed to instruct, his devotedness to the interests of his pupils, combined with a willingness on their part to regard wholesome rules and regulations, produced the most favorable results. It is to be regreted that the District did not have the benefit of his services during the entire term; and we are informed that it was not the wish of the District that he should withdraw from the School, but that his withdrawal was in consequence of a chance to avail himself of an opportunity to enter into a more favorable engagement elsewhere. Mr. Wood, who succeeded him, possessed all the necessary literary qualifications, but was unfortunately wanting in ability to maintain that discipline so necessary to the prosperity of a School, and the improvement of the pupils, under his direction, did not meet the expectations of your Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Albert French. Length of School, in Summer 7 weeks; in Winter 10 weeks. Whole number of Scholars in Summer 48, average attendance 45; in Winter 47, average attendance 37. Teacher for the Summer term Miss Norcissa Y. Chace of Berkley, whose well earned reputation and success as a teacher entitle her to a prominent position in the ranks of those who assume the responsible duties of instructors of the young. Though the summer term of the School was very short yet we believe that her services were beneficial to the Scholars as well as acceptable to the District. During the past Winter the interest that was manifested on the part of the pupils last year has been in some degree wanting,—we are happy to add however, that this is not attributable to any want of effort or efficiency on the part of the instructor, Mr. Walter D. Nichols, whose worth as a teacher has always been, and is, highly appreciated, but rather to the fact that quite a number of the larger and more advanced scholars were not this Winter in attendance. There were, however, those who at the closing examination were deserving of approbation and who evidenced that the efforts of the teacher had not been without success

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee Adoniram Cummings. Length of School, in Summer 9 weeks; in Winter 8 weeks. Whole number of Scholars, in Summer 28, average attendance 22; in Winter 31, average attendance 23. During the Summer, this School was under the instruction of Miss Charlotte E. Dean of Berkley, who discharged her duties with that success that always attends ability and fidelity; apt to teach and an effective disciplinarian, she succeeded in awakening in the minds of her pupils an interest in their studies and in maintaining a quietness and order that was highly gratifying to your Committee. Mr. Arthur Little of Boscawen, N, H. was the teacher for the Winter term, and his labors were attended with marked success. We believe he won. what he well deserved, the affection of his pupils and the confidence and esteem of the parents as well as the entire approbation of your Committee. It is worthy of remark that the success of Mr. Little was such as to secure for him a private School, four weeks in length, which, immediately following, as it did, the public School was of great advantage to those that attended both. The School in this district,

has during the past year, assumed a character and position which it is hoped it will not loose: in point of dicipline and improvement it now ranks with the first in the town.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, Enoch B. Babbitt. No public School in Summer. Length of Winter term 13 weeks; whole number of Scholars 15, average attendance 13. During the first seven weeks of the term the School was under the the charge of Miss Fannie W. Burt of Taunton, who was then succeeded by by Miss Rebecca A. Pratt of Taunton, under whose instruction it was during the remainder of the term. This School, though the smallest in the town, compares favorably with the others in point of advancement and intelligence. Under the care of Misses Burt and Pratt the pupils made a very commendable progress. It was the only School in the town where any attention was paid to the delineation of maps, and in this exercise some of the pupils attained a proficiency, that, considering their extreme youth, was remarkably neat and accurate.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, Nathanial G. Townsend. Length of School, in Summer 12 weeks, in Winter 12 w'ks. Whole number of Scholars, in Summer 27, average attendance 23; in Winter 37, average attendance 31. Teacher for the Summer term, Miss Mary C. Luscomb of Taunton. This was Miss Luscomb's first effort as a Teacher. By reason of inexperience, want of energy and decision, success did not crown her labors. During the Winter term it was under the charge of Mr. Alden B. Chace of Berkely. This School, under the efficient instruction of Mr Chace, has, by devotedness to study and unremiting effort to improve, gained, in the opinion of your Committee, the reputation of being the first School in the town.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, Henry W. Clark. No public School in Summer. Length of Winter term 13 weeks. Whole number of Scholars 24, average attendance 19. Teacher, Mr. David C. Dean of Tannton. Mr. Dean gained the confidence of both pupils and parents and at the closing examination of the School, a manifest improvement was observed.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, John Townsend. Length of School, Summer term 12 weeks, Winter term 13 weeks. Whole number of Scholars, in Summer 24, average attendance 17; in Winter 26, average attendance 18. Teacher for the Summer term, Miss Myra F. Paull of Taunton, who discharged her duty with fidelity and success, and a good degree of progress was observed at the closing examination. Miss Sophia A. Townsend of Berkley was the teacher for the Winter term, and the School has, all things considered, met the expectation of your Committee. They are satisfied that every effort on the part of the teacher was made for the benefit of her pupils, and a corresponding improvement was the result.

Your Committee are happy to be able to make so favorable a report of the condition of the several public Schools in the town. With one or two exceptions they have been all that could reasonably be expected. We are not aware that there has been in any one of them, any difficulty between the teacher and either the pupils or parents. In every case, we believe that the teachers discharged their duties according to the best of their ability, and if any have erred, that it was unintentional, and if any failed, that it was through inexperience and a want of those peculiar qualifications, without which no person, whatever may be his or her literary acquirements can be successful as an instructor of the young. The very nature of the office and the object of education required rare qualities of mind and character, that but few possess in an eminent degree. Education is the whole preparation for the duties and trials of life; it includes not only the acquisition of processes and details and the principles upon which they depend but intellectual and moral culture in the most extensive meaning of of the term. That culture, that going beyond the elementary studies of the Schools quickens the mind with intelligence, "touching it to finer issues." Its object is not merely to furnish sufficient knowledge for the practical business of life; it includes that cultivation of the mind and heart for moral and social enjoyment without which this life would be little better than mere animal existence, gross, barren and joyless; while with it no virtue is so gentle nor any affection so pure, no accomplishment so high nor any loveliness so surpassing as to be beyond the reach of the humblest. This is the extensive scope and purpose of our common School system; not stopping with the instructtion of manuals and text books, it looks to the whole character of the

pupil, seeking to develope all that is ennobling and good and to repress all that is debasing and vicious; to enlarge the understanding, train the mind to habits of reflection, store it with useful knowledge, purify the heart, quicken the conscience and bring the whole character under the control of correct principles of thought and just principles of action.

Such then, being the object of education, it is apparent that the duties and responsibilites devolved upon those to whom the education of the young are intrusted are of no ordinary character and importance. The teacher has not only to instruct but to cultivate; not only to explain to the comprehension of his pupils the elementary sciences of the common Schools, but to train their minds to habits of thought and habits of intellectual self reliance. His office begins where that of the book ends; that is but a manual of isolated facts and rules, it is for him to explain and illustrate the principles that underlie those rules, and upon which their practical value depends, to show the relation of these facts to others, and the inferences and conclusions to be deduced therefrom; to cultivate in his pupils the habit of fixed attention, of patience under failures, perseverance under difficulties and that steadfast singleness of purpose without which neither in youth nor mature years can their efforts, whether in the pursuit of knowledge or the practical business of life, be attended with marked success. One great reason why more is not accomplished in the School room, is the barrenness of the instruction that is given there. The studies of the School, possessed of no novelty in themselves, are not attractive because not clearly and definitely comprehended, and because they are too often the boundaries of the pupils intellectual horizon, illuminated by no ray of light from the boundless fields of knowledge beyond. That fullness of illustration is wanting that more than aught else, tends to inspire a passion for the acquisition of knowledge, by making the lesson of the day a pleasure and not a task. In the careful selection, therefore, of competent, skillful and accomplished teachers, together with a deep, constant and active interest on the part of parents, rests the prosperity and efficiency of our Common Schools. Intended for the education of all, they are entitled to the encouragement and support of all. The tax upon individuals by which in part they are sustained, is one that "blesseth both him that gives and him that takes," for such are the social relations of men to one another, that no benefit can be conferred

upon a part without affecting the whole. We trust, therefore, that the liberality, with which appropriations have heretofore been made for the support of the Public Schools of the town, that the interest that has always been manifested therein, and the vigilance with which they have always been watched and guarded, will be increased rather than diminished.

DANIEL S. BRIGGS, ALDEN B. CHACE, MILTON ANDROS, Committee.

TEACHERS' NAMES AND RESIDENCE.

Dist.	. Summer.	Winter.			
1	Sarah M. Wetherell, Berkley.	N. G. Bonney, Fall River.			
		J. M. Wood, "			
2	Narcissa Y. Chace, "	W. D. Nichols, Berkley.			
3	Charlotte E. Dean, "	Arthur N. Little, Boscawen, NH			
4		F. W. Burt, Taunton.			
	•	Rebecca A. Pratt, "			
5	Mary C. Luscomb, Taunton.	A. B. Chace, Berkley.			
6		David C. Dean, Taunton.			
7	Myra F. Paull, Taunton.	S. A. Townsend, Berkley.			

TABLE.

,		Whole No. belonging to School in Summer.	Average attendance of pu- pils in Summer.	Number of pupils belonging to School in Winter.	Average attendance of pu- pile in Winter.	Length of School in Summer, in weeks.	Length of School in Win- ter, in weeks.	Wages of Teacher in Summer, per week.	Wages of Toacher in Winter, per month.	School Money
Dist. No.	1	28	23	35	28	9	12	5.00	38.00	123.62
66	2	48	45	47	37	7	10	6.00	40.00	155.29
66	3	28	22	31	23	9	8	5.00	38.00	112.34
46	4			15	13		13	5.50	55.00	78.52
46	5	27	23	37	31	12	12	4.75	35.00	116.85
66	6			24	19		13		26.50	94.30
66	7	24	17	26	18	12	13	5.00	18.00	114.59

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

BERKLEY.

FOR THE YEAR 1857--'58.

TAUNTON:

AMERICAN REPUBLICAN PRESS, SCHOOL STREET.

1858.



REPORT.

It will, doubtless, be recollected that the Committee chosen to superintend the Schools, the past year, consisted of W. D. Nichols, Edwin French, and P. C. Porter. After the close of the Summer Schools, Mr. French took charge of a School in Indiana, and resigned his position as member of the School Committee. The vacancy thus made was filled according to the statute by the election of Rev. J. D. Smith, who has served you as a member of the Committee, and has visited every Winter School in town. We herein present in detail all the facts concerning the Schools of which we are in possession, to which we have subjoined some general suggestions.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Whole number of scholars between the ages of 4 and 16, 36; attending School in Summer, 30; average attendance, 24. Whole number in Winter, 34; average attendance 28. Length of School in Summer, 2 months; in Winter, 3\frac{1}{4} months. The Summer term was taught by Miss M. M. Atwood, who gave general satisfaction to the District. The Winter term was

taught by Miss Harriet L. Briggs, who seemed to possess most of the qualifications demanded of a teacher, and to have no deficiencies which longer experience may not supply. She appeared intelligent and earnest, but her task was a difficult one. Among her scholars were those who exhibited not only a spirit of insubordination, but a propensity to vice which needed for its effectual restraint something stronger than the hand of a female. The moral state of the School in the former part of its term, we are sorry to say, was bad; and had it not been for the prompt interference of parents, it might have become before its close a nuisance rather than a benefit.

District No. 2.—Whole number of scholars between 4 and 16, 58. Whole number attending school in Summer 34; average attendance 29. Whole number attending in Winter 54; average attendance 43. Length of School in Summer term, 2 1-4 months; Winter term 2 1-2 months. The Summer term was taught by Miss Charlotte E. Dean, who possesses, in our opinion, a rare combination of the qualities required in a successful teacher. The school appeared orderly and industrious. Sure indications of improvement. The Winter term was taught by Mr. Alden B. Chace, who conducted the school with his usual ability and success.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Whole number of scholars between 4 and 16, 36. Whole number attending school in Summer, 30; average attendance, 23. Whole number in attendance in Winter, 35; average attendance, 30.—Length of School in Summer, 2 months; in Winter 2 7-11 months. The Summer term was taught by Miss Charlotte E. Dean, with her accustomed faithfulness and

success. The Winter term was taught by Mr. J. N. Patterson, who showed himself to be an efficient teacher, and the scholars made good improvement. And in point of order and quietness, the school was equal if not superior to any in town.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Whole number of scholars between 4 and 16, 18. Whole number attending school, 18; average attendance, 15. Length of school, 3 3-4 months. This district had no public school in Summer. The Winter term was commenced by Miss S. P. D. Dillingham, an experienced and efficient teacher, who being called to another school resigned her charge to Miss Fannie A. Nichols, who conducted the school to its close with ability and success.

District No 5.—Number of scholars between 4 and 16, 42.—Whole number attending school in Summer, 29; average attendance, 25. Whole number in Winter, 40; average attendance, 36. Length of school in Summer, 2 1-2 months; in Winter, 3 1-2 months.—The Summer term was taught by Miss Alice K. Strange, an experienced and well qualified teacher, who managed the School with profit to the scholars, and to the satisfaction of the district. The Winter term was taught by Walter D. Nichols, a member of your School Committee. This school fully sustained its former high reputation.

DISTRICT No. 6.—The whole number of scholars between 4 and 16, 27. The whole number attending school, 27; average attendance, 23. Length of school, 5 months. This District had no public school in the Summer. The Winter term was taught by Miss H. F. Seekell, who gave good satisfaction to the District. Miss

Seekell, though young, manifested qualities which will, we trust, ensure continued success in her vocation of teacher.

District No. 7.—Number of Scholars between 4 and 16, 47. The whole number attending school in Summer, 24; average attendance, 14. Length of school in Summer, 2 1-2 months; Winter school, no returns.—The Summer school was taught by Miss Emily A. Leach. The attendance of this school was very small, and irregular, which, though no fault of the teacher, materially abridged her usefulness. We believe she discharged her duty, and was as successful as under the circumstances could be expected. The Winter term was taught by Mr. Benjamin F. Lincoln. The school appeared well at the opening and second visits; and on the day named as the closing day, your committee found the school house closed, the school having ended the previous day.

The whole number of scholars in town between the ages of 4 and 16, 264. Number of scholars of all ages in all the public schools in the Winter, 241; average attendance, 204. In the Summer whole number, 148; average attendance, 121. Number attending school over 15 years of age, 46; under 5, 22.

By the laws of the Commonwealth it becomes the duty of your Committee, after giving a detailed report of the condition of the several Schools in town, to make such general observations and suggestions as in our opinion, the interests of education may seem to require. Whatever remarks we may offer upon this topic, we desire to say that they are not dictated by a spirit of unnecessary fault-finding, but rather in sorrow, that we may arrive at the truth and have a better understanding of this all-important matter, however unpleasant it may be, and devise and apply the proper remedy to whatever is defective. In reference to moral deportment and good conduct, those vitally important elements of education, there have been marked instances of gross impropriety of conduct, of indecent and profane language. We would suggest that it is a prime object in the establishment of our institutions for the education of youth, to inculcate those virtues which are the basis and ornament of human society, and which are so beneficial to their recipients in this state of existence, as well as promotive of their future happiness; and also to point out clearly the evil tendency of the opposite vices. We have also, in some instances, been painfully impressed with the idleness and indifference manifested in School. It is indeed very depressing to witness such prodigality of time—the stuff of which life is made by our youth, to whom, if properly improved with the means offered, it would be more valuable than all the wealth of Peru. Here then are two evils;—want of good behavior and idleness, which, while they are the exceptions in our Schools, are not very rare. They must be nipped in the bud, for the giant oak was once a little acorn. Your Committee are of opinion that there is a definite cause for this condition of things, and that the fault rests mainly with the parents. Not that we charge ourselves with a desire to have it thus-of having exerted ourselves to bring it about—but through our neglect, while we have slumbered and slept, these evils have sprung up. If the price of civil liberty be eternal vigilance, how much more does the budding minds entrusted to our care require it? But instead of this watchfulness, is there not a general apathy among us in regard to this subject? It is a strange phenomenon, but one which we too often have presented, that of intense interest in various schemes for money getting-of acquiring riches that satisfy not, and which are as often a curse as a blessing to those that inherit them, while this most important duty, which like Aaron's rod swallows up the rest, is in a great degree neglected. If it then be true, that "education forms the common mind," moulds and shapes its aspirations, and that it is undying, is it not a subject of momentous importance, and is not our responsibility overwhelmingly great? Nor is our responsibility less because a small class of impressions for weal or woe, that may make up a youthful character that must "grow with his growth, and strengthen with his strength," are received in the School room. But home influences and School influences are so intimately connected that, like woof and web, when proper and interwoven, their combination produces, and their separation causes the destruction of, the most beautiful fabric. Parents and guardians! are you aware, from your own inspection, that your teachers are faithful and interested? Are your children studious and obedient? Mothers, ever alive to the interests of your darlings, to you we appeal! not you, in the various delicate, but efficient ways which you alone can devise and execute, interest yourselves in this matter, visit the school, advise with and encourage the teacher in his difficulties, and thus cheer his heart. Each fond endearment try to lure the youthful mind to make continued efforts at self-culture, and the enlargement of the boundaries of knowledge. Let the experiment thus shadowed forth be fairly tried in any District, and we dare say an interest will be awakened which would lead to the most desirable results.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

The Pilgrim Fathers, with a foresight and philanthropy as comprehensive and boundless as the Ocean upon whose bosom they were borne to these shores, and with a will as stern and inflexible as the rock-bound coast upon which they landed, laid the deep and broad foundations of our system of popular education, upon which it stands to-day. They knew full well that liberty, regulated by law, could not exist without intelligence and moral culture, which is education, and that education is not safe in the hands of individuals; but that government—society, if it would sustain itself, must secure, by compulsory means, if need be, the education of the whole people. Hence the propriety of blending School and State, and of providing that a specified length of School at least, be maintained, and that all property shall be taxed for its maintenance. "Promote then, (says Washington,) as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened." If then these institutions are of primary importance, and must be sustained by taxation upon property, who shall fix the limits and decide the wants of

education? The earth, the products thereof, and every thing valuable connected therewith, belong in certain senses to all mankind, and all are entitled to their benefits. It is by no natural right, but by an arbitrary though very proper regulation of society, that the will of the dead man is regarded respecting the distribution of property—his in life, but after his death belonging to those who survive him; or that those laws obtain which provide for the unequal distribution of property at the death of the holder, and in certain conditions to escheat to the government. These arbitrary laws are acquiesced in to avoid the dissensions incident to the transmission of property without fixed rules, and as an incentive to industry. Government is established, among other things, for the protection of property, and it is this property, whenever and however held, that must pay for its own protection. To those, therefore, who murmur at the pittance appropriated for the support of our Common Schools, it is the right of community to say, we are the judge of public necessity, and for this purpose and to this extent your property is our property. What gives to our land its pre-eminence among nations? Does it result from the freedom of our political institutions, or our abundant resources? Other governments, equally liberal, and more highly favored by nature, have arisen like meteors, and like meteors have fallen. Is it not rather the general diffusion of education among us, and the proportion of intelligent, thinking minds? The practical illustration of the difference and advantage which educated labor possesses over the mere mechanical processes of ignorance, is ever recurring. How frequently do workmen, educated at our Common Schools, devise simple methods of reducing to useful practice what scientific minds have regarded as impossible. Who contributes most of the useful inventions that crowd our patent office? Why is it that the proportion of crime and want among our own native citizens, compared with our foreign population, is so small? Is it not attributable mainly to the influence of our Schools? The very commonness of our Schools prevents our realizing to the full extent, the benefits that flow therefrom, the grandeur of their construction, and the wisdom of their perpetuity. Grudge not, then, generously to sustain them, and let us make them worthy to be sustained.

SCHOOL HOUSES AND DISTRICTS.

There are several School Houses in this town whose condition reflect much discredit upon their respective School Districts, particularly Nos. 4 and 5. Can there be no plan devised for reducing the number of School Districts, and of providing suitable School Houses which will be acceptable to the citizens of the town? This is a matter of much importance, and has been many times presented. It is to be hoped that the subject will be taken into consideration by the reflecting without delay, for it is of pressing importance.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

No change has been made in the books used in our Schools for many years, nor are we in favor of frequent

changes. But there seems to be a change required, particularly of reading books and geographies, and we recommend the subject to the early attention of our successors.

TEACHING AND LEARNING.

We cannot close without suggesting that learning to think and investigate is too much overlooked, and that the good accomplished by any teacher is not to be estimated so much by what he has communicated to, as by what he has drawn out of, his pupils. Teaching, in our opinion, consists more in the what to learn and the how to learn it, than in the number of facts stored in the memory. The difference is—in the one case, the pupil knows and understands principles; in the other, they learn that others know them. One teaches self-reliance, the other dependence upon a verbal memory. Thoroughness should be the end and aim of teaching, and the criterion of the success and advancement of any scholar is not the number of pages or studies which have been mastered by the memory.

WALTER D. NICHOLS, School JOHN D. SMITH, CHESTER PORTER, of Berkley.

Berkley, March 20, 1858.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHOSEN TO EXHIBIT THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN OF BERKLEY, APRIL 6, 1858.

The Treasurer's accounts, which have been settled, stand as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Received	of Samuel C. Hathaway, Collector,	\$1524 41
"	Lafayette Dean, Collector,	373 62
66	Two Fish Notes,	405 00
"	Balance on one Oyster Note,	108 00
66	State School Fund,	36 30
66	money hired of J. D. Wilson,	200 00
66	" of Franklin Briggs,	250 00
"	" of James and Rebecca Webster,	155 00
46	" of W. S. Crane,	17 77
	Total.	\$3070 10

EXPENDITURES.

SNOW BILLS PAID.

To S. B. Allen, District	No. 1	,		· \$175 40	
" Tamerlane Burt, Dis	strict I	Vo.	2,	87 73	
" A. Cummings,	"	66	3,	. 74 93	
" E. B. Babbitt,	66	"	4,	75 33	
" J. D. Dillingham,	66	66	5,	171 00	
" Thomas Jenny,	66		6,	53 28	
" Alfred Case,	"	66	7,	165 13	
To sundry persons, for s	ame,			10 15	
					\$812 95
To paid the several Scho	ol Dis	tri	ets,		594 20
" paid Selectmen's orde	ers for	re	pai	ring Roads complained	
of, and last made,				•	434 57
" N. G. Townsend's sal	lary or	ı T	ow	n Farm,	178 83
" paid for Safe and exp	ense o	n s	am	e,	74 00
" paid E. B. Babbitt, la	and da	ma	ge	in laying out road,	171 63
" paid Philip H. Fletch	ner, re	vai	d c	offered by town for	
conviction of violating liquor law and his services,					
" paid Tamerlane Burt,					77 47
"Town Clerk, bill for re	ecordin	ng I	Birt	ths, Marriages, and	
Deaths,				•	6 75
" recording and transmi	_	70	Ma	arriages, as requir-	
ed by statute of 185					17 00
Paid for other services of	Clerk	,			3 00
SELECTME	N'S E	BIL	LS	FOR SERVICES.	
Paid Issachar Dickerman	,				2 25
" Samuel Newhall,					2 75
" William Babbitt,					16 24
ASSESSO	RS BI	LL	S I	FOR SERVICES.	
Paid William S. Crane,					24 00
" Benjamin Crane,					23 25
" Edwin French,					17 60

Paid for assistance and expenses of Dea	n Chace and family	, 48	87
" for Charity Phillips' grocery bill,		26	10
" for printing School Reports,		11	00
" Selectmen's Orders, miscellaneous	items,	465	64
		\$3070	10
		40010	10
•			
DUE THE TOWN FROM	r wde i giided		
DUE THE TOWN FROM	I TREASURER.		
Three Oyster Notes,	391 00		
Two Fish Notes,	404 00		
Due on Tax Bills, 1855, 1856, and 185	57, 1166 54		
		\$1961	54
TOWN DEBTS OUT	STANDING.		
Maria Burt's Note and Interest,	\$482 00		
William Pierce, Note and Interest,	482 00		
James and Rebecca Webster,	155 00		
J. D. Wilson,	200 00		
Franklin Briggs,	250 00		
Outstanding sundry bills, about	600 00		
	-	\$2169	00

Balance against the Town, April 1st, 1858,

\$207 46

EPHRAIM FRENCH, NATHAN CHACE, Committee.



REPORT

OF

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH, 1859.

TAUNTON:

J. W. D. HALL, PR., REPUBLICAN PRESS. 1859.



REPORT.

The School Committee of the Town of Berkley, for the year 1858-9, in compliance with statute regulation and established usage, submit their Report.

DISTRICT NO. I.—CENTER.

Prudential Committee—Charles Bissett. The Fall and Winter terms of this School were taught by Miss Fannie A. Nichols, of this town, who was not wanting in diligence and perseverance for the good of the scholars, urging upon them the necessity of application and the importance of quietness and order. The success, which attended her discreet and judicious management, reflects credit on herself and the School, inasmuch as the deportment of the pupils has generally been pleasing. Order has been observed, and a manifest improvement was visible at the closing examination.

DISTRICT NO. II.—BURT.

Prudential Committee, Levi French. Teacher for the Summer term, Miss Jane C. Burt; for the Winter, Mr. Benjamin Crane, both of this town. Miss Burt had never taught before, and made a very fair beginning. The order and quietness of the School, in our judgment, was not what it should have been. Longer experience will doubtless make a better disciplinarian. The progress of the scholars in the various branches of study was commendable. There was manifest improvement in the reading classes. Mr. Crane has had long experience, and is known as a thorough and industrious teacher. serves credit for well-intended efforts to advance the School. sorry to be compelled to say, it has acquired the reputation of rather a bad School. Much of the time and attention of the teacher was taken up with governing, consequently there was less time and attention given to instruction. The School was quite large, being the largest in town, and composed of a great number of small classes, pursuing a variety of studies. Under all the circumstances, perhaps the School did about as well as could be expected. At the final examination, the scholars generally acquitted themselves fairly.

DISTRICT NO. III.—BRIDGE.

Prudential Committee, John C. Crane. No public School in Summer. This School, under the charge of Mr. J. N. Patterson, of Dartmouth College, N. H., presented at the closing examination a very pleasing appearance. It stands somewhat in advance of the other Schools in town. This advantage arises not so much from the ability of the teacher, as from the apparent willingness of the pupils to yield prompt obedience to the requisitions relative to conduct and study. Another advantage which the School possesses is not in the number but in the age and experience of a large portion of the scholars. These scholars, by application to study and perseverance in efforts to improve, have added much to the character and interest of the School.

DISTRICT NO. IV.—TIMOTHY HOLLOW.

Prudential Committee, Francis A. Newhall. No School in Summer. Teacher in Winter, Miss Elizabeth Boyce, of this town. Your Committee were gratified to see, during the examinations, so much quietness, order and attention to study. Miss Boyce appeared to be faithful in the discharge of her duty and was not wanting in earnestness of endeavor for the good of the School. For her valuable services, she is deserving our approbation and that of parents, and, on the part of her scholars, gratitude and affection.

DISTRICT NO. V.—ASSONET NECK.

Prudential Committee, Enoch Boyce. The Summer school, under the instruction of Miss S. P. D. Dillingham, was judiciously managed and a marked success was the result of her labors. The Winter term was taught by Walter D. Nichols, a member of your committee, and known as an experienced and successful teacher. This School has assumed a position, in improvement and deportment, not inferior to any School in town. The quietness, order and diligence, which appeared at the time of its visitations, reflect much credit on the teacher and School.

DISTRICT NO. VI.—SOUTH EAST.

Prudential Committee, Thomas Strange. No School in Summer. The Winter School was taught by Mr. Abiather Dean, of Taunton. The general appearance and improvement of this School, when examined, was respectable; giving evidence of industrious and faithful effort on the part of the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. VII.—NORTH EAST.

Prudential Committee, Israel Chace. Teacher for the Summer term, Miss Ruth A. Codding, of Taunton; for the Winter, Mr. Nathan C. Lothrop, of Norton. This was Miss Codding's first attempt at teaching and was not in all respects successful. Her want of success, as we think, was in part owing to the District. There was not that co-operation from some of the parents which is necessary to an advantageous School.

The Winter School must be reported as failing to accomplish its full object. Mr. Lothrop had not the benefit of much experience in teaching, but, when before the Committee, sustained a fair examination and gave reasonable promise of success. For various reasons, notwithstanding his well meant exertions, he did not succeed in his work and the Schoolars derived comparatively little benefit from the School.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Agreeably to the suggestion of the Committee of last year, the subject of a change of Reading Books and Geographies received our early and particular attention. After some deliberation and examination of the various kinds in use, it was decided to recommend to the Schools Sargent's series of Reading Books, and Cornell's Geographical series. We are very happy to be able to say, that our recommendation has been regarded, and a large number of these books have been introduced into the various Schools. We did not propose a sudden and general change, but only that, whenever any new books for reading or for the study of geography, were wanted, they should be of the kind spoken of above. Before the commencement of the Winter Schools, books were procured by the Committee, and have been furnished to all scholars desiring them, at cost; which has been quite a saving of expense to parents. This very thing is now, by the action of the present Legislature, a statute requirement. School Committees shall furnish all necessary books at cost.

SCHOOL APPARATUS.

There is nothing of the kind in any of the Schools. A set of Outline Maps hanging upon the walls of the school room, and a Terrestrial Globe standing upon the teacher's desk would, in our view, greatly aid the scholars in the study of Geography. What idea has a beginner in this branch, of the form of the earth, who has nothing but a map before him? He may be told it is round like a globe, but

unless he has one exhibited to him, with explanations, what distinct correct conception has he? Outline Maps, which are constantly before the eye of the scholar, help very much to fix permanently in the memory the various portions of land and water on the earth's surface. By means of them, too, he will be assisted in sketching Maps, which

is a very useful exercise. And the black-boards in most of the school rooms, are but poor apologies for such important helps in pursuing the various branches of study. A very trifling expenditure, either by the Town or the Districts, would supply each school-room with much needed fixtures.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

We have only two school-houses which can be considered as fully suitable for the purposes of a school. One of these was erected some years ago in the center of the town-a tasteful and commodious building-speaking forth the praises of those who were instrumental in its erection. The other has made its appearance during the past year-an ornament to the neighborhood and an honor to the district. There it stands, painted and blinded, with its ample play-ground. And how neat and fitting is every thing within; desks convenient and comfortable; a black-board on its side walls worthy the name. We would like to see the Outline Maps there, and the Globe, and trust we shall, in due time. Let it not be said, that it is not worth while to make a school house tasteful and inviting, within and without—it cannot be kept so for any length of time—will very soon be defaced and injured. The chief reason why so many of our school houses are improperly treated, is, they are not what they should be. Make them commodious and attractive, within and without-and every scholar who visits them for the purpose of enjoying their advantages, will see to it that they suffer no injury at his hands.

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

The appropriation for the past year was reduced, probably, for the purpose of reducing the public expenditure. We are in favor of reduction, whenever and wherever it can be wisely and safely done. But, in our judgment, the School department is not the proper place for it. We are very glad the appropriation for the next year has been increased. By so doing we have followed the example of almost every town in the Commonwealth, and manifested a spirit of liberality which is worthy of commendation.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

It is our conviction a change in the present arrangement of Districts is desirable. And it may not be inappropriate for us to indicate what change. Such is the geographical situation of three of the districts, numbered 5, 6 and 7, that no essential change can be made in their boundary lines. The most that can be done is to add to each of them a few contiguous families from the other districts. remaining four districts, numbered from 1 to 4, inclusive, may be advantageously reduced to two. Such an arrangement would remove several families somewhat further from the school house than they now are, but would give them, in return for this inconvenience, much longer schooling. The question with them would be, which is preferable, to remain as we now are, with three months schooling a year, or have the distance to and from the school house somewhat increased, with six months schooling a year. If this question were submitted to us, we should, without hesitation, choose the longer schooling, though it be with the longer travel to and from school.

And there is another consideration, showing that now is a favorable time to make a change. Two of these four districts very much need, and must have, before long, new school houses. Most manifestly it would be better to make the change before the erection of the new houses.

Moreover, the town may be required by statute regulation, (such a bill is now before the Legislature,) to sustain schools in all the districts six months in a year. There is also another bill proposed, requiring towns to build and keep in repair school houses. If one or both of these propositions should become legal enactments, (and if they do not the present session of the Legislature, they may at some future one not far distant,) the town would be compelled to do one of two things—reduce the number of districts, or very much increase the school appropriation.

CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.

Parents can, in various ways, promote the interests of schools. They may do it by cherishing a deep sense of the value of instruction, and impressing upon their children the importance of improving all opportunities of obtaining it. If they appreciate the benefit of a school, they will see to it that there is promptness and regularity in attendance upon it. Some of our Registers for the past year, contain too many marks of tardiness and absence. And what is more to be regretted, quite a number of children have not been registered at all. Do the parents of these children value very highly school instruction?

Parents can help sustain discipline, which is indispensable to a good school. Every teacher knows that the task of teaching is the government of the school, and that very much of his time is consumed in keeping order; and he very often feels that if parents would hold their children accountable for their conduct in school, and exercise over them a proper restraint, he could devote himself more exclusively to the work of instruction, and more rapid progress would be made.

Another way in which parents may promote the welfare of a school, is to speak of it with caution. Even if they do not think it is, in every respect, what it should be, they should be very careful what they say against it, especially in the presence of their children. Teachers, it should be remembered, are but human beings, and, as well as other people, have their failings; and to suppose they will not sometimes be guilty of indiscretions, in word or act, would be unreasonable. There will be faults in government and in instruction, but these should not impair our confidence in a teacher, nor cause us to withhold our co-operation, unless they are of such magnitude as to disqualify him from the discharge of his duties, or of such a nature that he can no longer deserve our respect or support.

DANIEL C. BURT,
DANIEL S. BRIGGS,
WALTER D. NICHOLS,

BERKLEY, March 29, 1859.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District. No. of Scholars between 4 & 16. Whole No. belong-	ing to Schools in Summer. Average attend'ce in Summer.	Whole No.belonging to Schools in Winter.	Average attend'ce in Winter.	Number of Weeks School, summer.	Number of Weeks School, winter.	Teacher's wages, summer, per mo.	Teacher's wages, winter, per mo.	School Money.
	41 29	25 51 34 17	21 40	11	14 8 12	3 50	18 59 34 00	85 49 126 29
	32 26	34 17 44	21 40 26 13 37 20	9	14	3 50	37 00 16 00 25 00	82 09 63 39 109 29
6 25 7 46	30 23	27 32	20 20	12	12 9	3 50	24 00 23 00	73 59 109 29

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY.

1860-61.

TAUNTON:

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1861.



School Committee's Report.

The Superintending Committee respectfully submit the following, as their report of the condition and success of your Public Schools, during the past school year:—

The school in the Center district, (No. 1) was taught by Miss Martha E. Mason. Length of school, in summer, 2 1-2 months; in winter, 2 months. Whole number attending school, 18 in summer, 23 in winter. Average attendance in summer, 14 1-2; in winter, 18. As teacher, she performed her duties to the entire satisfaction of the Committee. The order and appearance of the school were admirable. The scholars were quiet and studious, and the examination at the close showed progress. Both teacher and pupils merited high commendation.

Burt's Corner school (district No. 2) was taught, in summer, by Miss Emily A. Leach. Length of school, 2 1-2 months.—Whole no. of scholars, attending, 40. Average attendance, 34. This school has some restless and troublesome scholars, requiring to be managed by a firm hand. The progress of the school was materially hindered by the prevailing disposition for idleness and disorder which occupied much of the time and attention of the teacher in endeavoring to correct. The school cannot be regarded as a very successful one.

It was taught in winter by Mr. Philander Bryant. Length of school, 2 3-4 months. Whole number in attendance, 46; averaging 38. The winter term brought some new elements of trouble into the school. At the outset, there was an understanding on

the part of the scholars, that, whatever might be done, no corporal punishment would be inflicted. This unwise announcement rendered it much more difficult to manage the school. However, for a few weeks, nothing very serious occurred, and some work was done. Particular classes appeared to be getting along quite well. At length, the spirit of disorder assumed the reins of government. The teacher, without much reluctance, yielded to the usurpation, and thus ended the usefulness of the school. may be materials which are absolutely ungovernable in this school, but this we can hardly believe. We are more inclined to the belief that a capacity to govern has been wanting. Whoever takes charge of this school with this in possession, and having also an aptness to teach, will meet with fair success, unless there should be improper interference on the part of parents. This district has expended fifty dollars, mostly in repairing the interior of their school house, during the past year.

The school in the Bridge district (No. 3) was under the charge of Miss Charlotte E. Dean. There was no public school in summer. Length of school, 4 3-4 months. Whole number of scholars attending, 25; averaging, 21. This school was closed during a storm, much to our regret. But, from previous visitations, and our knowledge of the school, and of the ability of the teacher, we consider the school as satisfactorily successful. The absence of a class of advanced scholars was noticeable. An increase of its numbers might be beneficial to this school.

Timothy Hollow school (No. 4) was kept by Miss Emily A. Leach. (No school in summer.) Length of school, 4 3-4 months. Whole number of scholars, 17. Average attendance, 13. This school is decidedly too small to realize the benefits which might otherwise, under other circumstances, be reasonably hoped for.—The emulation evinced in larger classes in other schools, is wanting. Should the scholars of this school be blended with the surrounding schools, it would, we think, be greatly to their advantage. The general success of the school we consider as not being equal to the expectations of parents or Committee.

The Assonet Neck school (No. 5) was in charge of Miss Ellen F. Rounds, (Mrs. E. Belcher.) Length of school, 3 months.—Whole number attending, 30. Averaging, 25. The school was quiet and orderly at the visitations. It is believed some degree of advancement was attained.

The winter school was confided to Mr. Alden B. Chace. Length of school, 3 months. There were 33 scholars attending school, with an average of 28. This school has long sustained a high reputation, and we are happy to say that under the management of Mr. Chace, its former standing has been fully maintained. The girls belonging to this school acquitted themselves particularly well. We consider it the best school in town. This district contributed the board of the teachers, thus lengthening out the school which otherwise would have been short.

The school in S. East district (No. 6) was kept, in summer, by Miss Cordelia B. Eaton. Length of school, 2 months. 22 scholars attending. Average attendance, 15. In winter, by Mr. Abiathar Dean. Length of school, 4 months. Whole number of scholars, 23. Averaging, 22. Both of these teachers exhibited a very commendable degree of diligence and fidelity, in their efforts to govern and instruct their pupils, and their success was as great as could reasonably have been anticipated. In writing, improvement was very manifest. Evidence of interest in their studies, and earnest application, were not apparent on the part of pupils. The school requires an efficient teacher and good disciplinarian.

The school in the N. East District was kept by Miss Jane C. Burt. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number, 35. Average attendance, 26. At all the visitations, excellent order prevailed, and the recitations indicated careful and accurate preparation by the scholars. Miss Burt, (Mrs. Wrenches) has retired from the school service, leaving behind a fair reputation as a teacher, especially as a disciplinarian.

Walter D. Nichols, a member of the Committee, took charge of this school during the winter term. Length of school, 3 1-4 months. Whole number in attendance, 44. Averaging, 34.—

His faithful and skilful efforts were appreciated by scholars and parents. Everything within and without the school-house was pleasant and harmonious; order and industry prevailed from the beginning to the end of the term. As a necessary result, good proficiency was made in the various studies pursued. We congratulate the district on the improved condition of the school; and as an important means of still further improvement, we would respectfully suggest the erection of an attractive house suitable to the wants of the school.

The aggregate attendance in all the schools, in summer, was 145. Average attendance, 114 1-2. In winter, 210 have attended the various schools. The average of attendance appears to be 172. The whole number of scholars, as returned to us by the assessors, on the first day of May last, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, is 199. We consider the attendance, upon the whole, good.

Your Committee do not deem any argument necessary to convince the inhabitants of this town, of the importance of our public schools in the training of the morals and intellect of our children and youth. It is admitted, and in some good degree, we trust, appreciated, by you, as appears from your recent appropriations for their support. The history of the schools of this town also attests their great value, by the number of teachers, male and female, who have been educated mainly therein, and have been employed, more or less successfully, at home and abroad, in our own and many sister states. To which also must be added the large percentage of scholars who have been more liberally educated, for the professions, and for usefulness generally, who received their first impulse in the right direction, unmistakably, from the influence exerted by the public schools. We would, however, respectfully suggest, that our schools would be rendered more efficient, by a more familiar acquaintance therewith, by parents.-The schools and school houses are too much shunned. Every teacher, we think, has observed the greatly increased interest produced by frequent and unceremonious visits by parents and others interested in schools. It is not enough to build school houses, and employ teachers. This must be done; but the personal

interest and the visitation should not be omitted. Perhaps no other subject is of such pressing importance as that of school districts. A very proper law has been recently enacted, requiring, (under severe penalties for omission,) at least six months school, to be kept in a sufficient number of schools, during each school year. The sufficient number is to be determined by the town.— Are seven schools more than a sufficient number? Are five schools a sufficient number? Will not the change from seven to five,—everything considered,—the size of schools, and consequently of classes, giving the stimulant of competition and emulation, the size and convenience of school-houses and enlarged facilities,overbalance the few cases of consequent inconvenience, and materially aid in rendering several of the schools more interesting, and all longer and more efficient? These are questions for the town to answer. And they should be answered in an enlightened regard to public advantage, regardless of mere selfishness.

The reduction of the school districts commends itself to us, as an economical measure. The geographical position of districts Nos. 5, 6 and 7 is such, that but little alteration of their limits can conveniently be made. But why cannot Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 be organized into two districts, containing, according to actual attendance, 48 and 55 scholars respectively. The school-houses in Nos. 1 and 2, can be appraised to their respective districts, as they now belong, then removed and repaired, to meet the exigency of the new districts, and paid for by a tax in the usual form upon said new districts. If this or some kindred measure meet with general favor, it is of easy accomplishment; otherwise it may be attended with some difficulty. We think it worth a fair trial, and, if tried, predict for it a complete success.

In any event, the school house in district No. 4 must be abandoned. Do the wants and interests of the community require a new building upon the old locality?

Fellow citizens: It will be seen from our report, which is intended to be just and impartial, that the different schools have been variously successful. But we believe there is much more

to approve than to censure, and that your appropriations have in most cases been well expended; while we confidently hope the exceptions may not again occur.

WALTER D. NICHOLS, School Com. of Berkley.

April 6, 1861. DANIEL C. BURT,

BENJAMIN CRANE.

REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of the Town of Berkley,

For the year ending April 1861.

State, County and Town Tax Bills, for 1860, School District No. 1, " " Collected on Tax Bills of 1855-6-7 and 8,	Expenditur	res. Receipts. 2,257.77 10.54 50.04 93.27
Collector's Commissions, in Taxes of 1860, 3 1-2 per cent. on \$2,318.35, On \$93.27, collected on bills of 1855-6-7 and 8, Six per cent abatement on 809.20, paid before Aug. 1st, 1860, as per vote of town, Publishing notice of the same in the Republican, Printing Collector's Receipts, Expenses transmitting State Tax, Amount of Taxes remitted by the Assessors, Amount of uncollected Taxes, in bills of 1860,	81.11 9.33 48.55 1.00 1.50 .25 23.50 4.07	169.31
Cash in the Treasury as per settlement, April 1860, Received of the Selectmen the balance due from the former Collector, Received for fish notes, "from the State School Fund, "from Town Clerk for license of Dogs, "from the School Committee,		2,242.31 109.21 452.98 621.00 42.64 36.40 1.20
Amount of receipts for the year,		\$3,505.74

Amount of Receipts brought forward,

Expenditures. Receipts 3,505.75

The follow	ving bills	paid by	order of	'the	Selectmen:
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The following bins paid by	order of the Selectmen:	
Daniel C. Burt,		10.00
Thomas Strange,		9.38
Philo Washburn,		4.00
Mary Snow,		2.50
Bassett & Reed,		12.00
Philip French,		6.00
Daniel S. Briggs,		13.59
James Webster,		5.00
Benjamin Luther,		23.00
Giles L. Leach,		80.00
Tamerlane Burt,		1.50
George Westgate,		6.00
Thomas C. Dean,		7.00
Levi French,		46.37
Albert French,		8.50
Estate of S. Newhall,		35.70
C. A. Hack,		10.00
Nathaniel Townsend,		20.25
Enoch Boyce,		20.25
Walter D. Nichols,		8.00
Nathaniel Townsend,		2.12
City of New Bedford,		58.22
Benjamin H. Thrasher,		45.50
Walter D. Nichols,		37.00
Town of Taunton,		22.00
Nathaniel Townsend,		17.95
Giles G. Chace,		1.25
Charles Bissett,		6.50
Nathan Bowen,		9.37
Thomas J. Burt,		8.44
John Dean,		4.50
Benjamin H. Thrasher,		40.00
Ephraim French,		18.32
Joseph D. Hathaway,		13.00
Darius Sanford,		7.00
Ichabod Dickerman,		13.07
Joseph D. Hathaway,		4.50
Gilmore & Kinnicut,		6.25
A. B. Crane,		62.15
William Babbitt,		64.90
John C. Crane,		9.73
Jonathan Crane,		10.00
Benjamin Luther,		15.00
William H. S. Crane,		3.41

		Expenditures	. Receipts.
Amounts brought forward,		809.22	3,505.74
Daniel Burt,		1.00	
John T. Dean,		164.21	
Benjamin Crane,		10.00	
"		15.00	
Enoch Boyce,		20.70	
Express for getting School Fund money,	,	.25	
Daniel C. Burt,		10.00	
Walter D. Nichols,		8.50	
State Tax,		145.00	
County Tax,		465.96	
The following bills for damage done to shee	an.		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
John Richmond,	15.46		
W. D. Nichols,	3.09		
Israel Chace,	6.19		
Joseph Staples,	4.33		
Charles Bissett,	34.65		
John T. Townsend,	4.33		
N. G. Townsend,	4.02		
Thomas J. Burt,	4.33		
		76.40	
Money expended for Schools,			
District No. 1,	92.07		
	156.84		
	106.22		
« « <u>4</u> ,	84.99		
•	122.73		
" " 6 ,	99.14		
,	177.01		
,		839.00	
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Money for School House purposes,			
District No. 1,	2.63		
« « 2,	43.29		
	-	45.92	
TO 11 T TYT 1 . 4 . 2 4 1	01 51		
Paid James Webster's note and interest,	31.51		
" Rebecca Webster's note and interest, "			
John D. Wilson's	$242.55 \\ 302.30$		
" Franklin Briggs, " "	50 2. 50	740.00	
Tronguror's commissions		740.23	
Treasurer's commissions,		33.51	2 20 1 00
			3,384.90
Balance in the Treasurer's hands,			120.84
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A VIEW OF THE EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS DE-PARTMENTS, &c.

T TIPLITITIES,	WO.		
Selectmen's bills for services during the ye	ear ending	March 180	31.
William Babbitt,	33.63		
Benjamin Luther,	15.00		
John C. Crane,	9.73		
		58.36	
Town Clerk's bill for the year ending 186	1,	18.32	
Town Treasurer's commissions,		33.51	
Assessors' bills for service 1860,			
Nathaniel Townsend,	38.20		
Enoch Boyce,	36.95		
Levi French,	36.20		
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Constable's bill for executing Dog Law,		5.00	
Committee to settle with the Treasurer,		1.50	
School Committee's bills for services for t ending April 1861.	he year		
Benjamin Crane,	10.00		
Daniel C. Burt,	10.00		
Walter D. Nichols,	8.50		
Water D. Hienois,		28.50	
Expenses for poor on town farm,		308.21	
Expenses of all others belonging to the tow	vn.	200.18	
Furnished poor of other towns,	• • • •	17.87	
Expended on Roads, Bridges, &c., by Sele	ectmen.	118.91	
" for Public Schools,		839.00	
" School Books,		15.00	
" School House purposes,		45.92	
State Tax for 1860,		145.00	
County Tax for 1860,		465.96	
Damage done to sheep by dogs,		81.40	
Mary Snow for housing the Hearse,		2.50	
Bassett & Reed attending suit at law,		12.00	
Philip French, care of Town House,		4.00	
For furnishing coal, &c.,		2.00	
C. A. Hack for printing School Report,		10,00	
William Babbitt for attending suit at law,		10.00	
William Babbitt for sundry bills against the	he town at		
different dates,		21.72	
Assessors bill of books of S. O. Dunbar,		9.92	
Sending valuation to Boston,		.25	
Express bill for getting State School Fun	d Money,	.25	

Amount brought forward, Thomas Strange, balance of bill for service	es as one		2,566.63
of the Selectmen in 1859,	000 600 0110	4.63	
Nathaniel Townsend, balance of bill as o	ne of the	;	
Assessors in 1859,		2.12	
Enoch Boyce, balance of bill as one of the	ne Assess-		
ors in 1859,		4.00	
Estate of Samuel Newhall, balance of bill		1.50	
" for sale of oyst	ers,	5.00	
Roads and Bridges in 1859,		29.20	
Daniel C. Burt, School Committee for 18		10.00	
Daniel S. Briggs, " "	"	13.59	
W. D. Nichols, "	46	8.00	
The following notes taken up,			
James Webster,	31.51		
Rebecca Webster,	163.87		
John D. Wilson,	242.55		
Franklin Briggs,	302.30		
		740.23	
			818.27
			\$3,384.90

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

Town House,	1000.00	
" Farm,	3,500.00	
Valuation of Stock,	458.00	
Provisions, Hay &c. on Farm,	142.61	
Cash, Liquors &c. in the Agent's hands,	84.01	
Iron Safe for the use of Town,	74.00	
Book Cases for do.	13.50	
The Charity Phillips Place,	100.00	
School Books in the hands of Committee,	23.71	
Fish and Oyster notes,	1421.00	
Uncollected Taxes 1859 and '60,	5.57	
Balance of cash in the Treasurer's hands,	120.84	
,		6,943.24
The Town owes the following notes,		
Maria Burt, note, dated May 1st, 1856,	430.00	
R. A. Pierce, note, same date,	430.00	
School money unexpended in District No. 2,	3.65	
Money due the District for school house purposes,	5.03	
" District No. 1,	16.39	
Interest on the two notes above, to May 1st, 1861,	290.86	
· · · · ·		1175.93
Estimated balance in favor of the town.		\$5767.31

A. B CRANE, Treas. of the town of Berkley.

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND

TREASURER,

OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY,

For the year ending April 1st, 1862.

TAUNTON:

c. A. HACK'S BOOK PRESS, 7 UNION BLOCK.



OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The committee superintending the public schools of Berkley, have, during the past year, in common with the town, suffered the loss of one of its most valuable members and citizens, by the death of the lamented Mr. Benjamin Crane, a highly intelligent and conscientious man,—and an earnest and efficient supporter of education and good morals in the community. The vacancy so caused was filled early in December last, agreeably to the statute, by the election of Rev. Franklin Davis.

Our impressions of the condition and success of each school are given in detail. Those summer schools (Nos. 1 and 5) assigned to the late Mr. Crane, were not reported by him and we are in possession of no facts to report concerning them.

School District No. 1,—Common. The summer term was taught by Miss Juliet Churchill. The late Mr. Crane, visitor. Winter term, Miss Martha E. Mason, teacher, commenced well and appeared so at the intermediate visit. But at the closing examination there was not apparent, that evidence of thorough drilling we like to see, particularly in arithmetic. The black board had been too little used during the term, and as no chalk was to be found at the examination, it could not be used then. It may be said of other branches also, that less surface and more thoroughness would have produced better results. Some of the read-

ing classes appeared well, particularly the first class. Three members of this school merit commendation for punctual and constant attendance, not having been tardy or absent during the term, viz. Julia R. Burt, Stephen A. Burt, and Charles R. Dickerman. William F. Snow was tardy but once.

School District No. 2. Summer term. The teacher, Miss M. E. Mason, entered this school determined to subdue the disorderly elements referred to in our last years' report, which she did mostly by a free application of the lash. While we insist that order must be maintained, and by the rod if need be, yet that teacher who can reach that result by mental rather than physical force must be considered the better disciplinarian. The cultivation of the conscience and the sympathetic and nobler faculties of the mind is greatly to be proferred to an appeal to fear. The school was quite orderly and industrious. Good recitations were required—no other was accepted. The closing examination showed advancement in the various branches of study.

The winter school was under the charge of Miss Fannie A. Nichols, and under all the circumstances, was a successful one, though some causes beyond the control of the teacher operated unfavorably. The order, excellent throughout the entire term, was maintained with the infliction of but little corporeal punishment. The instruction was careful and thorough. Whatever was to be done was taught to be done in the right way. An interest and emulation in study were excited. The various exercises were animated and spirited. How could a school, under such circumstances be otherwise than successful. And the continuation of such favorable conditions will ere long place this school where it properly belongs, in the foremost rank among the schools of the town.

School District No. 3. Miss Phebe Strange, who taught this school during the summer term, had not had much experience in teaching. And while we have assurance that she endeavored to make herself useful, and that something valuable was at-

tained, we think she might have succeeded better in some other school.

Winter term, Walter D. Nichols, teacher. The changing of district limits by which a larger number of scholars is brought into this school, is decidedly beneficial. It was gratifying to the committee to find several of the older and more advanced scholars improving the opportunities offered them of still further adding to their attainments. Advanced scholars give character and interest to a school. Mr. Nichols conducted this school with his usual ability and success. Order, industry, and progress were manifest at the several visitations.

No. 4, former arrangement, Timothy Hollow. This school, taught by Miss Mary J. Cudworth, too small for interest or much real value, was rendered almost useless, by withholding the attendance of most of the scholars belonging to the school, its average attendance being only seven. Thus has faded away an ancient school district. And a school house has ceased to exist upon which the gratification of many a burglarian propensity and many a juvenile attempt at linear and other drawing, not reflecting credit upon the perpetrator, has been exhibited, and with whose existence the youthful association of many valued citizens are fondly entwined, and where the rudimental education of many generations has been received, laying the foundation of their respectability, and where the first impulse was given, crown ed in many instances by eminence in the various departments of professional and useful employments. "Peace to its ashes."

School District No. 4. Miss Jane F. Burt's first attempts at teaching and governing a school was creditable to herself and satisfactory to the district. We trust she may have a successful future.

Miss N. Y. Chace, a teacher of large experience, was employed in the winter, whose efforts we think were in a good degree successful. Thoroughness seemed to be characteristic of her teaching. It was orderly and industrious, consequently much good was accomplished. The condition of this school has been good for a long period.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 5. Summer term—Miss Cordelia Eaton, teacher—the late Mr. Crane, visitor.

During the winter term, Mr. D. S. Briggs, assumed the charge of the school, which promised little at the commencement of the term,—the attendance small (by reason of sickness and other causes,) and children restless. The attendance, however, steadily increased, and at the closing examination, it was full. By the patient and faithful efforts of the teacher, things assumed a better and very promising aspect, the closing examination being creditable to both teacher and scholars, and we felt that this school had done a good winter's work.

School District No. 6. The summer term, taught by Miss Palmie R. Canedy, may be reported as a very fair school. Love, rather than fear, seemed the presiding genius of the school,—affection for the teacher prompted to cheerful obedience. The method of instruction was careful and thorough. The suspension of the school (caused by the teacher's sickness) operated injuriously somewhat to its progress and ultimate success.

Taught in winter by Mr. B. E. Lincoln. The order of the school appeared better at the commencement than at the close of the term. Some advancement in studies were manifest, but not all of our expectations were realized. A good degree of order must attend much success.

An important, and in our judgment a very judicious measure for the welfare of our schools was adopted by the town last March, abolishing the seven school districts then existing in town, and authorising the organization of six instead, and establishing their limits by geographical lines. Their organization was perfected early in November last. This arrangement doubtless has unavoidably caused some inconvenience to a few families by the increase of travel to and from the school house, and in winter this

inconvenience is more serious. But we think it has been fully compensated by the increase of interest in the new associations and classifications, leaving teachers wages and fuel in one district, clearly a gain to the town.

School Houses. School districts No. 5 and 6, are in urgent and immediate want of more commodious and better school houses. They are wanting in the comfort and attractions so necessary to a successful school. But a more serious objection to them, is, that their size, want of ventilation and number of scholars produce an unwholesome atmosphere which poisons the blood and lays a sure foundation for incipient disease, certain to be developed in after life, if indeed life itself be not abridged thereby. The excuse heretofore urged that the town will soon be redistricted, is no longer available. Will not the parents and friends of education in those districts discharge their duties this matter now, while the school going days of their children remain,—remembering that "time flies." The want of Globes and Maps to be placed in the several school rooms as aids to both teachers and scholars has not yet been supplied. last year's report of the Board of Education in referring to it says, "a small expenditure for each school will lighten the labors of the teacher at once and yield a hundred fold harvest in the advancement of the children." The school committee have authority, if they see fit, to expend one fourth of the amount received from the State in the purchase of apparatus for the use of schools. But rather than divert the money from support of schools, would it not be better to raise by voluntary contributions in each district the small sum necessary to supply it with suitable appraratus for the use of its school.

Schools. We have spoken in detail of our impressions of the conditions of each school in its order. And while we are far from claiming that they are fully what they should be, or reven what you have a right to expect, yet we think, upon the reven whole survey, we are justified in reporting some real progress. If this opinion be correct, is it not a very great encourar rement to us, to

strengthen our efforts and make still greater improvements. Do parents and others reflect how much depends upon their influence and exertions, and upon their personal inspection? Teachers have certain important duties to perform. The training of the immortal mind is temporarily entrusted to their care. they teach good behaviour and those other virtues which so adorn society? Are they particular to inculcate kindness, patience, industry, and truthfulness as virtues active and essential? Or is moral training partially neglected by an overshadowing regard to mere intellectual acquirements? Do your children render obedience and perform their duties in school with alacrity? would rarely trust the experienced blacksmith to set a shoe upon your valuable horse without the closest personal inspection. ery step from the fitting of the shoe to the shaping of the hoof, even the direction of every nail would be well considered. Do you consider the shaping, moulding and developing the minds of your children an object of less solicitude than the well being of your horse? Impossible! Does not the inexorable logic of passing events teach in many ways an additional lesson, (if indeed it were needed) of the importance of general intelligence and virtue among the middle classes of the community, and of the high conservatism of free schools? Wherever their light and influence is bright and untrammeled, that monstrous heresy, secession, which is striving to throttle and overthrow the best of human governments shrinks away abashed. Where their influence is feeble and unfelt, it lifts its loathsome head and exerts its withering influ-Their proportions are inverse. In fine, this subject of educating the youthful mind is second to no other. Home influence, and school influences should harmonize or they will neutralize each other. They should aim to qualify the rising generation for an able and faithful discharge of the duties which may devolve upon them in life, and to make those impressions permanent which are worthy to survive the wreck of matter. Our responsibilities are great; let us not shrink from their faithful discharge.

TABLE.

	SUM:	MER SC	HOOL.		WINTER	SCHOOL.	
	Length of School.	Whole No, of Scholars	Average attend-	Length of School.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average attend- ance.	Expen- ditures.
District No. 1.	3m.	20	1648	3 m .	29	23-7	\$129.78
" " 2.	3 "	34	27	3 "	46	37	152.97
" " 3.	3 "	24	18‡	3 ,4	34	$29\frac{26}{30}$	155.00
4.	3 "	31	22^{-}	3 "	34	30	127.25
5.	3 "	24	17	3 "	27	204	127.87
" " 6.	3 "	35	26	3 "	41	35_{12}^{14}	154.75

WALTER D. NICHOLS, School Com-DANIEL C. BURT, FRANKLIN DAVIS, Berkley.

March 29, 1862.



OF THE

Treasurer of the Town of Berkley,

For the year ending April 1862.

	Expenditures. Receipts.
State, County and Town Tax Bills for 1861,	\$2,330.27
Collector's commissions on Taxes of 1861, 3 1-2	01.50
per cent on \$2,330.27.	81.56
Six per cent abatement on \$708.60,	42.51
Publishing notice of same,	1.25
Printing Collector's receipts,	1.50
Amount of taxes remitted by the Assessors,	23.20
" uncollected taxes on bills of 1861,	5.41— 155.43
Amount received from the Collector,	2,174,84
	,
Cash in the Treasury as per settlement, April 1861	296.00
Received on Fish notes,	
" Oyster notes,	225.00
of James Webster,	50.00
of Rebecca Webster,	150.00
" Enoch Boyce,	100.00
" E. D. Briggs, (rent of L. Briggs' estate	
" from State School fund,	38.81
" from the Town Clerk for license of dog	s, 23.40
" on tax bills of 1860,	1.50
" for the sale of school books,	6.76
Amount of receipts for the year,	3,193.15

3,193.15

The fol	llowing 1	bills have been paid by the T	reasur'	er:	
For the s	upport o	ef.			
Charity	Phillip	s.—Harriet F. Norcut's bill,	2.00		
"	1		7.42		
"	66	Dr. S. Hathaway's "	3,50		
+6	66	James Webster's "			
**	+6	Davis Allen's "	3.50		
66	"	Joseph D. Hathaway's "	2.00		
46	66	Adoniram Cummings' "	1.17		
66	"		12		
44	"		37.60		
		_		59.56	
Celia A	Atwood.	—Dr. S. Hathaway's bill,	2.00		
"	66	Philip French's "	2.00		
		- Inp - Inner		4.00	
Francis	B. Bris	ggs,—Thomas J Burt's bill,	6.50		
6.	"	A. B. Crane's bill,	9.00		
		A. D. Clane's bill,	J.00	15.50	
Daniel	Stanles	Jr.—Staples & Phillips' bill,	6.95		
"	Staples "		25.50		
		A. D. Clane's bill,	20.00	31.75	
rm	TT (1	4 D C 1171			
		way,—A. B. Crane's bill,		10.08	
		ife,—A. B. Crane's bill,		11.22	
		ll,—C. O. Thrasher's bill,		2.00	
Daniel		yay,—Ephraim French's bill,			
6.	66	Benjamin Luther's "	35		

Richmond Pain,—A. B. Crane's bill, 31
()verseer of Poor on Farm,—John T. Dean, 119.06

The following bills for poor of other towns:—

For the su	upport of	
Michae	l Haskell,—A. B. Crane's bill,	8.62
Jas. A.	Richardson,—" " 14.17	
66	" Sophrona Crane's bill, 3.50	
• 6	"2 Selectmen's order, A. B. Crane, 5.00	
46	" Jos. D. Hathaway's bill, 1.50	
		24.17
	Adams,—A. B. Crane's bill,	1.72
		289.85

Amounts brought forward,	Expenditures. 289.85	Receipts. 3,193.15
Joshua Pittsley,—Ephraim French's bill, 3.80)	
" " John C. Crane's " 59		
	4.29	
Charles Rider,—John C. Crane's bill 54	1	
" " Ephraim French's bill, 5.17		
1 /	- 5.71	
George Ellis,—Benjamin Luther's bill,	50	
1		
Housing the Hearse,—Francis Snow's bill,	8.33	
Sealing weights and measures,—H. A. Davis' bill,	8.00	
Taking care of Town House,—Philip French's bill		
Fuel and lights, " " "	3.00	
Printing Reports, &c.—C. A. Hack's bill,	14.00	
Books, &c. for Assessors,—S. O. Dunbar's bill,	1.74	
Gravel for roads,—Benjamin Luther's bill,	2.02	
Labor, &c. on roads,—Benjamin Thrasher's bill,	10.00	
Gravel for roads,—George Williams 3d, "	8.40	
Labor &c. on roads,—John T. Townsend's "	10.00	
Committee to settle with Treasurer,		
Nathan Chace's bill for 1859-60,)	
Charles Bissett's " 50		
Tamerlane Burt's bill, 50)	
•	- 2.50	
Committee to District anew the School Districts,		
A. B. Crane's bill,		
W. D. Nichols' bill, 7.50		
N. G. Townsend's bill,		
E. B. Babbitt's " 6.00		
Levi French's " 6.00 Nathanial Taymaand's bill		
Nathaniel Townsend's bill, 1.50		
	- 30.00	
School Committee,—Walter D. Nichol's bill, 12.20		
" " Daniel C. Burt's " 12.00		
" "Benj. Crane's " 6.00		
" " Franklin Davis' " 6.00		
	- 36.20	
Town Clerk,—Ephraim French's bill,	25.74	
Town Treasurer,—A. B. Crane's bill,	29.16	
	439.57	3,193.15

	Ex	penditures.	Receipts.
Amounts brought forward,		439.57	3,193.15
Selectmen,—W. D. Nichols' bill.	15.56		
" Benjamin Luther's bill,	9.50		
" John C. Crane's bill,	15.07	**	
		40.13	
Constable,—Charles Bissett's bill,		6.00	
Assessors,—Enoch Boyce's bill,	26.25		
" Jonathan Crane's bill,	26.25		
" Giles L. Leach's bill,	25.50		
		78.00	
Damage to sheep,—Thomas J. Burt's bill,	7.30		
" Walter D. Nichol's bill,	6.27		
" Jane H. Newhall's "	3.14		
" John T. Townsend's "	2.51		
" T. F. Dean's bill,	2.51		
" Caroline Dean's bill,	1.67		
	-	23.40	
State Tax,		120.00	
County Tax,		404.81	
School District No. 1,		129.78	
" 2,		152.97	
" " 3,		155.00	
16 16 4,		127.25	
. " 5,		127.87	
6,		154.75	
Old District No. 4, (abolished,)		36.00	
For School House purposes, District No. 1,		7.81	
2,		3.00	
Bounty money,-Military Committee's order	rs, 105.0	0	
Volunteer wages, " " "	93.0	0	
Drill money, " " "	91.0		
		- 289.00	
Paid families of volunteers, up to the first	of Jan-		
uary 1862, by order of the Selectmen,		373.38	
From Jan. 1862, "		72.00	
Balance in the Treasurer's hands.		398.56	
	\$	3,193.15	\$3,193.15

A VIEW OF THE EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS DE-PARTMENTS, &c.

and the same of th			,	Expenditures.	Pagainta
Amount of receipts for	the	vear.		Expenditures.	3,193.15
Selectmen's bills for ser	•	, ,	e vear e	nding	0,10,000
March 1862,	*1000	441119	io jour o	40.13	
Town Clerk's bill	66	66	66	25.74	
Town Treasurers' bill	66	46	66	29.16	
Assessors' bills	"	66	46	78.00	
Constable's bill	66	46	66	6.00	
School Committees' bill	s "	46	46	36.20	
Committee to settle wit	h the	Treasure	er,	2.50	
Committee to district an			,	s. 30.00	
Expenses for poor on t				119.06	
Expenses of all others			he town,	136.28	
Furnished poor of other		0 0	,	45.01	
Expended on roads &c			1,	30.42	
" for public S	•			883.62	
" for School 1			s,	10.81	
State Tax for 1861,		1 1	•	120.00	
County Tax for 1861,				404.81	
Damage done to sheep	by de	ogs,		23.40	
Housing the Hearse,		0,		8.33	
Sealing the standard w	eight	s and me	asures,	8.00	
Care of Town House,			- 19	4.00	
Fuel and lights,				3.00	
Printing School and T.	reasu	rer's Repo	ort,	14.00	
Books, &c., for Assesso	ors,			1.74	
Military Committees o	rders,			289.00	
Furnished families of	volu	nteers un	der the	act of	
May 23d, 1861,				445.38-	2,794.59
Cash in the Treasur	y, Ap	oril 1st 18	362,		\$398.56

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

Town House, \	1,000.00	
" Farm,	3,500.00 428.93	Marin .
Valuation of Stock on Farm,	428.93	The old party of
" Provisions, Hay, &c., on farm,	347.95	
" Farming utensils, &c. "	125.25	
Cash, liquors, &c. in the agents hands,	96.66	
Iron Safe for the use of the town,	74.00	
Book Case for the use of the town,	13.50	No.
The Charity Phillips place,	100.00	90
School Books 13.91,—uncollected 3.04, in hands of		
the Committee,	16.95	
Four Oyster notes,	900.00	
Two Fish notes,	235.00	
Uuncollected Taxes, 1859, 1860 and 1861,	9.48	
Due from other towns,	45.01	
Due from the State under the act of May 23d, 1861	, 445.38	
Balance of cash in the Treasurer's hands,	398.56	7,736.67
The Town owes the following sums:-		
Maria Burt's note, dated March 1st, 1862,	608.42	
William H. Peirce, Guardian, &c., March 1st, 1862	608.42	
James Webster's note, dated May 4th, 1861,	50.00	
Rebecca Webster's note, " " " "	150.00	
Enoch Boyce's note, dated May 7th, 1861.	100.00	
School District No. 1,	8.58	
" " <u>" 2,</u> "	2.03	
Interest on the above hotes to April 1st, 1862,	22.23-	1549.68
Estimated Balance in favor of the Town.		\$6,186.99

A. B. CRANE,

Treasurer of the Town of Berkley.

April 1st, 1862.

TOWN OF BERKLEY ----- 1862-63.

REPORTS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

TREASURER.



OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

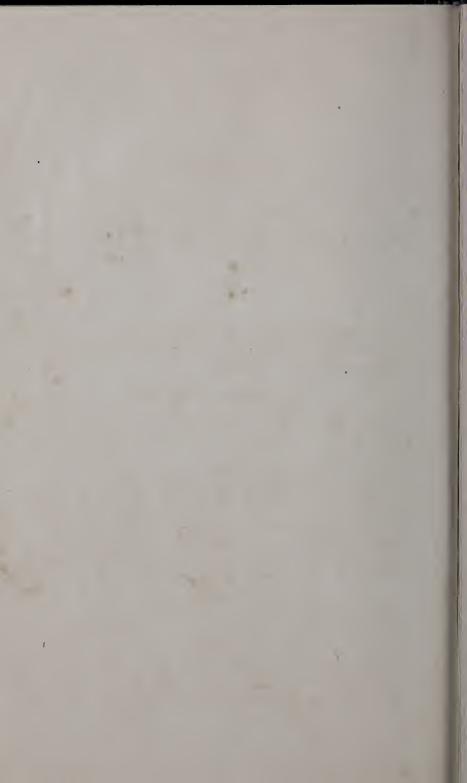
OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY.

For the year ending April 1st, 1863.

TAUNTON:

HACK'S BOOK AND JOB PRESS, 7 UNION BLOCK. 1863.



OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The time has again arrived when it becomes the duty of the committee superintending the public school of the town of Berkley, to present a report of their condition.

DISTRICT No. 1—CENTRE.

The Summer and Winter terms of school in this district were taught by Miss J. G. Nichols. Her method of instruction was thorough, and as a disciplinarian she excelled most of her predecessors. All that could reasonably be expected was accomplished during the eight months continuance of the school.—Quietness and order were evident to all who visited the school room. At the closing examination of the Winter term only about one half of the scholars were present. It is to be regretted that so many of the scholars were deprived, either by themselves or others, of such an advantage. A just appreciation of the importance of attending school would secure constant attendance and close application on the part of every scholar.

DISTRICT NO. 2—BURT.

This school—Summer and Winter terms—was under the charge of Miss Fannie A. Nichols. She was earnest and laborious and strongly desirous of improving and benefiting the scholars. And although she could not inspire all of them with that high regard to order and love of study which are essential to complete success, yet in the judgment of the committee, through her energetic and persevering labors,

a fair amount work was accomplished, and commendable progress was made in all the various departments of study.

DISTRICT No. 3-BRIDGE.

The Summer term of this school was taught by Miss Emily J. Crane of Taunton. She faithfully and earnestly devoted herself to her work, and attained a good degree of success. The school appeared orderly and still—manifesting an interest in their studies, and respect for their teacher, and consequently made very creditable improvement.

The Winter school was committed to the charge of Mr. C. T. Crane. No effort on his part, was spared to render himself useful. And the school appeared quite business like, and in our judgment, was a very fair school.

DISTRICT No. 4—ASSONET NECK.

The Summer school was taught by Miss Jane F. Burt, and was closed unexpectedly by the indisposition of the teacher. No closing examination.

This school, the Winter term, was favored with the services of W. D. Nichols, of the committee, a long tried, faithful and successful teacher. His administration of discipline is judicious and effective, and his method of instruction thorough and substantial.

During the year there has appeared suspended on the walls of the school room, a set of Outline Maps, of large dimensions, and also, standing on the teacher's desk, a Globe. This is the only school room in town which has either a Globe or Maps. Will not the other districts be induced to follow the example of No. 4, and furnish their schools with these important aids to both teachers and schools.

DISTRICT No. 5—SOUTH EAST.

The Summer term of this school was under the instruction of Miss H. Francis Seekell, of Taunton. The school did not make the advancement desirable. There was no lack of energy, effort or aptness to teach on the part of the teacher. She spared neither labor nor pains for the benefit of her pupils.

Mr. D. S. Briggs, a member of the committee, resumed the charge of the Winter school—which was, we believe, entirely satisfactory of the district and committee This district has had the benefit of Mr. Briggs' long experience as a teacher for the last two winters.

DISTRICT No. 6-NORTH EAST.

Miss Sarah E. Crane had charge of this school both Summer and Winter terms. Under her judicious instruction and discipline it appeared remarkably well at each of the examinations. The exercises at the close of the last term were especially interesting. In the several branches taught, a good degree of proficiency was apparent. The order and stillness which prevailed conferred dignity upon the school and honor upon the teacher. Several scholars merit commendation for constant attendance. Helen K. and Celia E. Townsend, Amelia G. Fletcher, Mary A. Cummings, Achsa J. Townsend, were present every day during the Summer term. Amelia S., John E., George F. and Louis P. Fletcher, and George Y. Cummings, were present every day during the Winter term of nineteen weeks. Charles G. Puffer was absent only four days. It is hoped that the good attendance, on the part of those named, will stimulate others, so that in future there will not be an absentee mark on the register of the school.

ATTENDANCE.

The constancy of attendance reported in district No. 6, is deserving high commendation. An examination of the register of the past year, as also of former years, shows great inconstancy of attendance in most of the schools. This is an evil which seriously impairs the usefulness and efficiency of all our schools; and its corection lies chiefly in the hands of parents. Regular daily attendance can never be secured in any school unless parents give particular attention to the subject and are deeply impressed with the vast importance of the daily opportunities of school instruction. We bespeak the earnest and strong co-operation of all parents and guardians towards effecting a reform in the matter of attendance. Let us see if the list of perfect attendance cannot be greatly extended the year to come. We will call it the roll of honor. Let us see how many names, from all the schools can be entered upon that roll.

LENGTH OF SCHOOLS.

By a reference to the table appended, it will be seen that the aggregate length of all the schools, the past year, has considerably increased compared with former years. While none of the schools has been less than six months, some have been between eight and nine months in length. This prolonging of school instruction has been owing in part to the employment of female teachers in the winter, and partly to the districts contributing the board of the teachers. Probably the present appropriation of school money will be sufficient to secure six months or more instruction in the districts the ensuing year.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

We should not again call your attention to this subject were it not in our judgment, of considerable importance. If money is appropriated by the town to support the schools, the district should provide suitable houses. This is the first want of every district—a house convenient and inviting—well warmed and properly ventilated. If children are required to be quiet, let them have a seat upon which they can comply with the requisition, without violating the physical laws of their being; if required to be studious, let them breathe an atmosphere which will invigorate the mind rather than stupify it, if it be expected of them that they will improve give them the facilities for improvement. What more noble and valuable outlay can any district make than a neat, comfortable and substantial school house. Have all the districts of the town such a house?

And care should be had as to the location of school houses. Instead of standing directly on the public way, in the midst of the dust and noise of the public travel, without any yard or play ground, exposing the life and limbs of the scholars, they should be removed from the street, out of harm's way, with an ample yard which the scholars may regard as their own, and with all other appropriate surroundings. Make the outside pleasant and attractive and the inside, if that be in harmony, will be visited more cheerfully and profitably.

VALUE OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

The great majority of the population of all our towns depend upon our common schools for an education, and the comparatively few who fit themselves for professional life, generally commence their literary course in the district school house. In nothing does the wisdom of our fathers appear more manifest than in the provision they made for the instruction of the rising generation. Much as we owe them for our civil institutions, for our republican form of government—the noblest and best on the face of the earth,—we owe them more for the institutions of learning which they established—not for the few and the rich merely, but for the poor and the masses, for all without distinction, who choose to avail themselves of their advantages. It is true they founded the higher university, where those who had the means and the inclination might acquire a more' thorough and complete education, and be prepared to fill with honor and usefulness the learned But they well knew that the great mass of the people professions. could never participate in the direct benefits of a college. This conviction led to the establishment of our free school system-" to the setting up in every town, those little seminaries" where the masses might be instructed, and thus be fitted for the duties and responsibili-They knew that a general diffusion of intelligence among the people was indispensable to the existence and maintenance of a free government. And where else should knowledge be imparted to Where else should the rising generation be educated, if not in the public school? Hence in this view the incalculable value of our free school system, which has been constantly improving from its first foundation. It was in former years, it is now, the great hope of our country. Let it be sustained, appreciated and cherished by all who love their country, as an institution of incalculable value. It stands as a pillar in the fabric of free government. It is the great safeguard of our liberties and the strong promoter of morality and christianity. Let us, fellow citizens, prize the common school as among our choicest blessings. Let us do, each in our place, what we can to advance it to the highest point of improvement and perfection.

DANIEL C. BURT, WALTER D. NICHOLS, Committee. DANIEL S. BRIGGS,

April, 1863.

TABLE.

			SUMME	R SCHO	OOL.	w	INTER	schoo)L.
			Length of School, months.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attend- ance,	Length of School, months.	Whole No. of Sheolars.	Average Attend- ance.	A ppor- tion- ment,
District	No.	1.	33	27	181	44	36	25	\$137.57
	46	2.	334	39	32	$\frac{4\frac{1}{4}}{3\frac{1}{2}}$	42	30	148.9
• •	4.6	3.	3	24	$12\frac{1}{2}$	3	34	28	134.9
+6	6.	4.	$3\frac{1}{2}$	30	21	3	37	32	142.83
.4	**	5.	3	27	19	31	24	20	132.33
46		6.	33	33	251	31 43 43	37	28	145.4

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF BERKLEY,

For the year ending April 1863.

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	Expenditures.	Receipts.
State, County and Town Tax Bills for 1862,		2,861.26
Collector's 3 1-2 per cent. on \$2,861.26,	100.14	
Six per cent. abatement on 1,272.35,	7634	
Publishing notice of same,	1.25	
Printing Collector's receipts,	1.50	
Taxes remitted by the assessors,	16.69	
Uncollected Taxes on bills of 1862,	2.78	198.70
Amount received from the Collector,		2,662.56
Cash in the Treasury as per settlement, April	1862,	398.56
Received on two Fish notes due June 1862,	,	235.00
" one Oyster " " " "		225.00
		200.00
" of E. D. Briggs, (rent of L. Brigg's	estate.)	6.00
" State School fund,	"	42.02
" Town Clerk, license of dogs,		27.00
" Town of Taunton,		25.89
" Town of Plymouth,		15.24
" Town of Dighton,		300.00
" State money advanced to families,		287.14
" on Tax Bills of 1861,		1.72
" money borrowed,		3,260.00
Amount of receipts for the year.	_	7,686.13

Amount brought forward,	Expe	nditures.	Receipts. 7,586.13
The following bills have been paid by the	e Treas	urer :—	
For the support of			
Charity Phillips;—A. B. Crane's bill, " J. D. Hathaway's bill,	38.62 7.00		
-		45.62	
Thomas Hathaway,—A. B. Crane's "		3.20	
Daniel Staples Jr.,—A. B. Crane's bill,	5.00	4.35	
Mahala Newhall,—J. D. Hathaway's bill, "John Dean's bill,	$\frac{5.00}{4.50}$		
womin Dean's oni,	T.070	9 50	
Esther Norcut,—Shepard Phillips' bill, Sickness and burial of Asa Paull,—Will-		9.00	
iam Babbitt's bill,		8.50	
Francis Briggs,—town of Taunton,		4.00	
Julia Atwood,—town of Taunton,		10.79	
Almira Haskins,—city of New Bedford, Sickness and burial of Abner G. Dean,—c	rity of	1.75	
New Bedford.	ntj or	22.11	
Dean Chace,—city of New Bedford,		16.00	
John T. Dean, for taking care of poor and farm,	town	40.67	
The following bills for poor of other town	ıs.		
For the support of			
Michael Haskell,—A. B. Crane's bill,	2.00		
" " Daniel Burt's "	2.25	100	
Charles Rider,—A. B. Crane's bill, "E. French's "	2.00	4.25	
II. I Tellettis		4.00	
Sarah Richardson,—N. Townsend's bill,		2.00	
Burial of Geo. P. Ellis' child,—William Ba	abbitt,	2.75	
Housing the Hearse,—Francis Snow's bill,		6.00	
For maintaining watch at Squawbetty dam,		17.00	
Rollin Eaton, for service districting,		1.50	
E. H. Bennett, for advice to Selectmen,		5.00	
C. A. Hack, for printing Report,	1001	14.00	
Philip French, fuel and care of Town Hous		, 6.00 2, 7.00	

	Expenditures.	Receipts.
Amount brought forward,	\$244.99	\$7,686.13
License for Liquor Agency,	20.00	
Dr. H. B. Hubbard, for examining rec		
Andrew Pittsley's order accepted by C.	W. Sproat, 10.00	
Ephraim French, for settling with Tre		
Two notes, Adaline and Bathsheba Ada		
State Tax,	720.00	
County Tax,	383.83	
Interest on note at Taunton S. Bank,	75.00	
Sinkage on Taxes of 1859, '60 and '61		
A. B. Crane, for cash paid Express on		
money from State,	.50	
TOWN LIN	ES.	
William Babbitt's bill for running lines	and setting	
Town Bounds.	12.51	
Town Doubus,	1.2.01	
ROADS AND BI	RIDGES.	
John C. Crane for attendance in refere	nce to flow-	
ing of road,	.50	
John Dean, for 267 loads of gravel,	10.68	
Joseph D. Hathaway, for 55 loads of g		
Stephen B. Allen, for 110 "	3.30	
B. H. Thrasher for drawing gravel &c		
Jason Cummings for 230 loads of grav		
Benjamin Luther, for building bridge,	14.00	
W. D. Nichols, for work on bridge,	3.75	
B. Hathaway, "	.50	
P. H. Fletcher, for rock digger,	1.00	
SHEEP ORD	ERS.	
John T. Townsend, 2 sheep killed,	10.00	
Walter D. Nichols, 1 " "	3.00	
Benjamin Cummings, 1 " "	3.00	
, 0,	16.00	
SELECTMEN'S	BILLS.	
W. D. Nichols,	23.80	
Wm. Babbitt,	23.13	
	46.93	
Town Clerk's bill,	33.67	
Town Treasurer's,	69.54	
	\$1,804.36	\$7,686.13
	φ1,004.00	φ1,000.10

Amount brought forward,

Expenditures. Receipts. \$1,804.36 \$7,686.13

ASSESSORS' BILLS.

Enoch Boyce,	28.16	
Jonathan Crane,	29.05	
Giles L. Leach,	28.23	
	85.44	
Military and bounty money,	3,060.00	
Furnished State aid for families,	1,191.72	
For public schools,	846.58	
Cash in the Treasury,	698.03	
MUNICIPALITY IN	\$7,686.13 \$7686	.13

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

	31,000.00	
	3,500.00	
Valuation of Stock on Farm,	417.83	
Provisions, Hay, &c. on Farm,	34 4. 31	
Farming utensils, &c. "	124.25	
Cash, Liquors, &c. in the Agent's hands,	98.80	
Iron Safe for the use of the Town,	74.00	
Book Case for the use of the Town,	13.50	
The Charity Phillips place,	100.00	
School books \$13.91—uncollected \$3.04, in the		
Committee,	16.95	
Two Oyster notes due June 1st, 1864 and 1865,		
One " " 1863,	16.35	
Two Fish notes, "	212.00	
Uuncollected Taxes of 1862,	2.78	
Dne from other Towns,	21.91	
Andrew Pittsley's order, accepted by C. W. Sproat, 10.00		
Due from the State, for aid furnished from 186	2	
to 1863,	892.72	
Due from January 1st, 1863 to April 1st, 1863,	371.00	
Cash in the Treasury,	698.03	
		\$8,364.43
The Town owes the following sums:—		
Maria Burt's note, dated March 1st, 1862,	608.42	
William H. Pierce, guardian, &c. Mar. 1st, 1862	, 608.42	
James Webster's note, dated May 4th, 1861,	50 . 00	
Rebecca Webster's note, " " "	150.00	
Enoch Boyce's " " 7th, "	100.00	
Elisha C. Burt's note, dated August 18th, 1862,	200.00	
T. Preston Burt's note " " "	150.00	
Robert Carlile's " " 25th "	160.00	
Taunton Savings Bank, Sept. 12th, 1862, inter-		
est paid to March 12th, 1863,	2,500.00	
Bradford G. Hathaway, Sept. 25th, 1862,	150.00	
School District No. 1,	27.00	
-		\$4,704.52
Estimated balance in favor of the Town,		\$3,659.91

A. B. CRANE,

Treasurer of the Town of Berkley.



OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND

TOWN TREASURER,

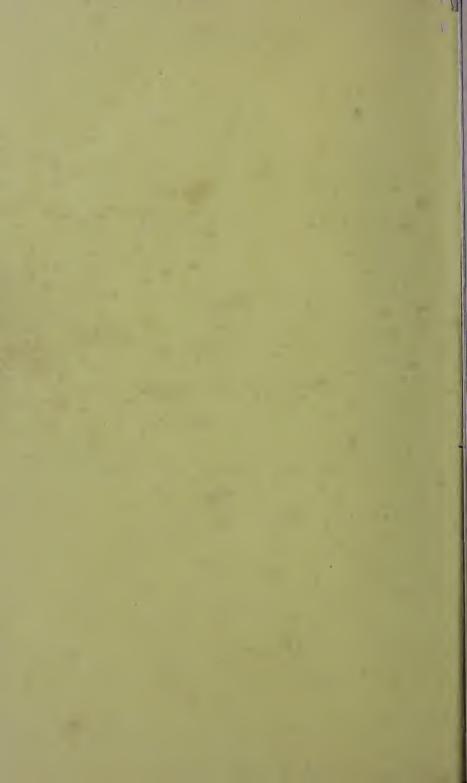
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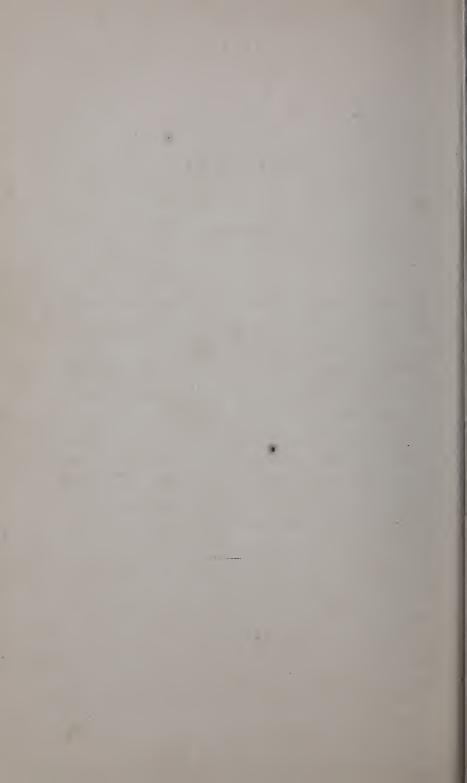
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PRESS OF THE DAILY GAZETTE, 1867.



REPORT.

The School Committee of Berkley again attempt the performance of their duty under the Statute, by reporting in detail to you the condition of the public schools in town as it appears to them and also to make a few suggestions pertinent to the subject.

The whole number of scholars in town on the first day of May last, was according to the returns of the Assessors, 189 between the ages of five and fifteen. The whole number of scholars between the ages of four and sixteen years, in town on the first day of April last, as returned to the Treasurer by the several district agents, as a basis for the division of the public school money among their respective districts was 207. The whole number of all ages attending school during Summer term was 163, during Winter term 200, of which number six were under five years of age and thirty over fifteen. Average attendance in Summer 120—in Winter 152—or seventy-five per cent. of whole attendance. Whole number attending school between five and fifteen years of age was 160—or eighty-four per cent. attendance. We think this not creditable to the town that sixteen per cent. of the children between the ages of five and fifteen years are kept out of school entirely. Whose children are they?

We are of the opinion that the condition of the schools in town compares favorably with their condition twelve months since, with perhaps the exception of the Winter term in District No. 1, which for want of good order failed to promote the interests of that school. We should be most happy to report a marked improvement but we fear the stubborn facts of their real situation forbid it.

It appears to be a settled policy of too many persons who are most

interested in the improvements of schools, to let the machine run regardless of friction, or the cause of it—of the fabric daily produced, or of failure to produce. We would respectfully but earnestly renew our suggestions concerning a personal interest exerted in favor of schools evinced by informal and frequent visitations. These views have been elaborated in former reports—we trust a hint to the wise will be sufficient.

We would call your attention, also, to what has been said concerning school houses in former reports. We would reiterate with emphasis what was there said upon that subject. And we now ask the town whether it, in its corporate capacity has not a responsibility and a remedy. If the present miserable condition of several school houses in town is likely to remain, to the great injury of the schools any longer; should not the town take into its possession all the school houses in town and supply proper buildings where they are needed. We do not see how this matter can with propriety be much longer delayed.

ATTTENDANCE.

Do not children, especially boys, leave school too early—before their minds are sufficiently developed for the exercise of the judgment and the reasoning faculties, and thus lose the highest and most beneficial influence of school education? The presence of a class of advanced scholars of good deportment, will stimulate the younger classes to a more vigorous application and at the same time exert a healthy moral restraint upon the whole school. It would be seen by the younger scholars that there is something higher to be attained—much more to be learned that would with diligence be, by and by within their reach, while attending school, and thus the tone and standing of the school would be elevated.

STUDIES.

The study of the Grammar of the English language in our judgment is too much neglected. The study of Arithmetic occupies comparatively too much of the time and attention of scholars, more especially that of boys. If "figures do not lie," they do not teach all truth, nor the most important truths. Why should not a somewhat critical knowledge of our vernacular language be considered indispensable to all who have the ability and opportunity to acquire it? And yet few, very few indeed of our boys pretend to make Grammar one of

the principal branches of their course of study. We deplore this tendency as an evil which calls for immediate reform. parsing and scanning of the works of standard authors, disciplines the mind as effectually as does mathematical reasoning and conclusion. Surely is it not as important that a communication in writing should be faultless in orthography, etymology and syntax—expressing neither too little nor too much, as that the Arithmetical calculations therein be correct? Besides, cultivating a grammatical taste enables one to discover beauties of thought and mode of expression, and inclines to the enlargement of the boundaries of knowledge indefinitely. are strongly impressed with the thought that this neglect calls upon parents and teachers for a prompt remedy, for in most of the public schools in this town the study of Grammar has reached low water mark. Education—What is it? We conceive that he has a well educated mind whose passions and aspirations are regulated and guided in the proper channels of thought and action, and whose moral and intellectual powers are cultivated and developed in harmonious proportion. We conceive it to be the object of public schools to supply the elementary training—in conjunction with home influences—necessarv to acquire this all-important accomplishment. Is not such a consummation worthy of patient and persistent effort and many sacrifices? How otherwise can it be attained than by study, application, reflection and investigation? Is it not as true of the brain as of the muscle that alternate exercise and rest, gives to it a power not acquired in any other manner? If it be true that they who think much will be more likely to think correctly and profoundly, than they whose minds have not been subjected to rigid study or continuous thought; will not they who think correctly and deeply, be more useful in their day and generation than those whose trifling minds never penetrate to the substratum of principle underlying all mental or physical phenomena? Cannot much that is elevating be impressed upon the average human mind by early and judicious training? External circumstances do something. Teachers and schools much more -but parents and home influences do-or should do-most in accomplishing this desirable result.

A brief retrospect of the history of this town reveals the fact, that the time has been when it was noted for the number of teachers, under graduates in college and gentlemen educated for the various professions of the ministry, law and medicine. Our young ladies have it is true, come to our rescue in the department of teachers of public schools. Perhaps no other town furnishes a greater per centage of

female teachers-much to their credit be it said-than does the town of Berkley. But where among our young men are our teachers or under graduates present or prospective? Who are they who will fill the thinned and thinning ranks of those who have represented this town in various parts of this state, and almost every other state in our beloved country in the leading professions? Our young men emigrate indeed as of yore, in pursuit of more lucrative or agreeable occupations than we can offer them. But who among them all are becoming disciples of learning in its higher departments? Why, when our sons leave our public schools do they invariably turn their attention to trade, commerce or mechanism in its various forms, not one of them having acquired a taste for scientific pursuits? Can this undeniable deterioration be the result of some radical or practical defect in our schools? They certainly are longer, perhaps their length has doubled in the aggregate. The number of studies has been increased, their circle enlarged and we think more thoroughly taught. The present age of progress demands much more of general intelligence than did And our schools of to-day (though inferior to what we wish they were—and to what we hope they will be—) we think sustain their relative position when compared with their past condition. "By their fruits shall ye know them," is human as well as Divine wisdom.

But it will surely not be claimed that even good schools will imbue the youthful mind with such a love of knowledge as will necessarily culminate in the philosopher, in spite of all discouragements— or always even under favorable circumstances. But we do insist that if it is not the fault of elementary training in schools, if they have not become disgusted by their first lessons and set their faces like flint against anything like a thorough education, then there must be a cause independent of schools, and school influences, which instead of co-operating with and strengthening, neutralizes them and renders their crowning influence nugatory and of no effect. Have we, parents, made the important discovery that material wealth transcends the true riches of science, civilization and christianity? And have we impressed this important discovery upon the minds of our sons? For surely he who will not prefer to listen to the instructions, wonders and inspirations of the whole circle of physical science or any part thereof, must be deaf; who will not look up to the Heavenly beatitudes within his reach rather than, Demas like, live in contemplation of the filthy lucre under his feet, must indeed be fatally blind.

In conclusion fellow citizens—though our town be a small one, our population sparse and consequently our schools comparatively small also; yet their success is to them and to us all of vital importance. Let us not aggravate the natural disadvantages under which they must labor, by indifference to, or neglect of their welfare on our part. Let us endeavor to secure well-qualified teachers who have established reputations for governing and a tact for teaching. We say for governing. If children are not properly governed in school, nothing good can be accomplished therein. Some teachers have a magnetic influence which governs apparently without effort and has rarely need of an appeal to physical force or the infliction of bodily pain. Other teachers are not possessed in an eminent degree with this mental personality or influence and must necessarily resort in a greator less degree to the use of the ferule. The best mode for one teacher may not be the best for the other. Indeed different modes of management are frequently required in different schools-and frequently in the management of different scholars in the same school. consciences of some scholars are more tender and more easily reached than that of others. An amiability and docility of temper in one, calls for an appeal to different motives than stubborn stolidity in the other. An appeal to nobler principles of our nature than fear may "be like casting pearls before swine"—not appreciated. perverse must be governed at all events. If mild forms will not suffice, then the virtue of sterner and more forcible measures must be tried. If they are in vain, then must the incorrigible be expelled from school. Very much depends upon the family government of children and the influence exerted upon them while attending school. Some parents govern by love and personal influence, derived from their consistent and rational course of conducting their family administration. Others by force and severity of punishment. Others still do not govern their children ot all. Now while we concede that the mildest government—that which is prompted by affection, sustained by reasoning and appeals to the conscience is by far the best form; we insist that any form of government is better than none. "The form that's best administered is best," may be true. Probably mixed forms are the most practicable in our public schools, constituted as they now are. It has been the experience of teachers who have been in long practice, that those children who are properly governed at home and who are sent to school impressed with the idea that they are expected to obey the teacher and enjoined to entire obedience; are generally managed with the slightest difficulty. See to it then that our whole duty in this matter be faithfully discharged.

No. of Districts.	Number of months School kept.	ages per month Teachers.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average attend-	Under 5 years of age.	er 15 years of	Amount of money expended by each Dist.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.
. v.	Sca	Jo Jo	W.I Sch	Avera ance.	Und age.	Over age.	An Ois	
1	31/2	\$18.00	27	19	1	0	\$181.73	Nancie D. Gray.
4.6	3	20.00	28	21	0	2	ф101.13	Mary E. Allen.
2	4	18.00	38	29	1	0	192.62	Lydia E. Mcfarlane.
44	4	25.00	50	37	0	4	192.62	Kate O. Page.
3	3	20.00	35	24	3	0	100.00	Annie E. Simmons.
66	4	25.00	35	25	0	1	196.22	Charlotte B. French.
4	3	22.00	22	20	0	5	150.05	Aurie S. Nichols.
66	3	30.00	34	31	0	8	173.25	Walter D. Nichols.
5	3	18.00	25	17	1	1	175 00	L. E. Haskins.
66	3 9-10	26.00	27	20	0	5	175.69	Melissa M. Hazzard.
6	3	20.00	16	11	0	2	101.70	Mary Montgomery.
66	3 3-20	33 1/3	26	19	0	6	181.72	Daniel S. Briggs.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{WALTER D. NICHOLS,} \\ \text{O. E. FRENCH,} \\ \text{ALBERT E. DEAN,} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \textit{School Committee} \\ \textit{of} \\ \textit{Berkley.} \end{array}$

BERKLEY, APRIL 9, 1867.

REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1867.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from Committee to settle with Treasurer,	\$326.38
State, County and Town tax,	3,496.45
Overlaying,	75.93
Highway deficiencies,	99.76
School District No. 1, tax,	25.00
	203.81
	154.23
Cash for two fish notes,	442.00
" one oyster note,	300.00
" from State school fund,	101.25
" State Treasurer, (state aid 1865,)	400.00
" " corporation tax,	12.79
" estate of W. Westgate on account of John Westg	rate, 30.00
" " P. H. Fletcher, (uncollected taxes 1865,)	1.08

\$5,668.68

Total receipts,

EXPENDITURES.

The following bills have been paid by the Treasurer:

EXPENSE OF KEEPING THE POOR.

G. G. Blanchard, support of B. Cudworth,	\$104.00
City of New Bedford, "Sylvia Chace,	13.00
" Taun'on, on account of son of J. Q.	Adams, 18.70
White & Dean, support of M. Newhall,	10.83
Church & Burt, " " "	4.67
C. O. Thrasher, on account "	2.00
George R. Chace, care of Almshouse,	120.00
Dr. S. Hathaway, medical attendance,	4.00
Dean & Pike, on account of M. Newhall,	4.75
" " Geo Ellis,	15.70
Mrs Mary Bart, board of S. Cummings,	2.50

Expended for poor,

\$300.15

INCIDENTALS.

P. H. Fletcher, license of Liquor Agent 1865,	\$25.00
B. W. Harris, internal revenue license for Liquor	25 00
Agent 1866,	25.00
G. L. Leach, for books and stationery (1865.) and	
Sheriff for costs in suit of the town at law,	15.92
D. Sanford, book case for use of town,	4.50
H. Townsend, for teaching in School District No.	
6, 1 1-2 weeks,	5.00
Republican Office, for printing School and Treasur-	
er's report,	15.00
Town of Middleboro, for watching and care of fish	
at Squawbetty,	20.00
Thomas Burt, bill (1865-6,)	16.62
Philip French, taking care Town House,	5.50
Town Clerk's bill,	14.45
Books for town record,	10.70

Expended for incidentals,

\$157.69

SELECTMEN.

William Babbitt, 1865,	\$19.80
Thomas C. Dean, "	6.00
Walter D Nichols, "	9.25
Thomas C. Dean, 1866,	7.00
Daniel S. Briggs, "	25.00
John D. Babbitt, "	4.50

Expended for Selectmen,

\$71.55

ASSESSORS.

ASSESSURS.		
Alden B. Chace,	\$28.65	
N. G. Townsend,	24.00	
Stephen Chace,	24.00	
Egy and of fan Assessans		\$76.65
Expended for Assessors,		φ (0.00
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2.	
Daniel S. Briggs,	\$16.18	
Walter D. Nichols,	12.00	
Oliver E. French,	10.50	
Expended for School Committee.		\$38.68
DOADS		
ROADS.		
D. S. Briggs, expended, (complained of road,)	\$125.02	
H. A. Dean, (road scraper,)	14.50	
Hercules Dean, gravel,	7.02	
S. B. Allen, gravel, posts, stones, &c.,	9.10	
J. D. Hathaway, gravel,	4.56	
Jason Cummings, "B. H. Thrasher, repairs of roads and bridges,	8.34 3.50	
D. II. Thrasher, repairs of roads and bridges,		
Expended for roads,		\$172.04
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.		
District No. 1,	\$163.23	
" 2,	166.19	
" " 3,	60.00	
" 4,	173.27	
" 5,	155.40	
" " 6, (1865 Winter term)	165.09	
" 6, (1865, Winter term,)	124.47	\$1,007.65
Incidental expenses, District No. 1,	18.50	Ψ1,001.00
2,	26.43	
" " 5,	20.29	
" " 6,	16.61	601.05
	-	\$81.85

Repairs, Dist. No. 1, Appropriation \$25.00, expended, Dist. No. 2 Appropriation \$203.81, expended, Dist. No. 5, Appropriation 154.27, expended, TOWN NOTES PAID.	\$6.52 186.18 104.31	\$ 29 7. 0 1
D. C. Burt's and interest, Endorsed on Maria Burt's note,	\$241.64 600.00	
James Webster, and interest,	71.42	
Expended for payment of Town notes,		\$913.06
INTEREST PAID.		
A. Tisdale's note,	\$45.21	
Savings Bank note, \$1000.00,	30.00	A.W.F. 0.4
		\$75.21
STATE AND COUNTY TA	AX.	
State tax,	\$1,110.00	
County tax,	382.45	\$1,492.45
		41,402.40
STATE AID.		
Lewis Green,	\$30.00	
T. P. Burt, John Harmon,	$72.00 \\ 48.00$	
Betsy Briggs,	60.00	
Mercy Pittsley,	48.00	
Lauretta Pittsley,	48.00	
Expended for state aid,	-	\$306.00
Collector's bill,		\$122.65
Treasurer's "		55.14
Sinkage on Taxes,	58.10	
Abatement on "	12.01	
6 per cent. discount on \$2,235.20,	134.11	#20 L 25
Balance in Treasury April 1st, 1867,	-	\$204,2 2 296.68
Total expenditures,		\$5,668.68

RECAPITULATION.

Cash receipts for 1866, Expenses of keeping the Poor, Incidental expenses, Selectmen's bills for 1865-6, Assessors' " School Committee, Roads, Public Schools,	\$300.15 157.69 71.55 76.65 38.68 172.04 1,007.65	\$5,668.68
Incidental expenses in districts, Repairs on School-houses,	81.85 297.01	
Town notes paid, Interest paid,	$913.06 \\ 75.21$	
State and County tax, State aid, Collector's bill,	$ \begin{array}{r} 1,492.45 \\ 306.00 \\ 122.65 \end{array} $	
Treasurer's "Sinkages, Abatements and Discounts,	55.14 204.22	
Balance in Treasury April 1st,	296.68 ———————————————————————————————————	\$5,668.68

T. P. BURT,

Treasurer of the Town of Berkley.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

Town House, Town Farm	\$1. 000.00 3,500.00	
Valuation of stock on the Farm, Provisions, Hay, &c., Farming utensils, Wood cut and standing,	\$741.00 426.87 211.50 70.00	\$4,500.00
Liquors, &c., in the Agent's hands, Iron safe, for the use of the town, Book case, " " " " School books in hands of Committee, 4 Oyster Notes due June 1st, 1867, '8, '9 & '70, 2 Fish " " 1867. State aid furnished from Jan. 1st 1866 to 1867, Cash in Treasury April 1st 1867,	\$132.62 75.00 18.00 12.36 1,200.00 382.00 294.00 296.68	\$1,449.37 \$2,411.66
		\$8.361.03

THE TOWN OWES THE FOLLOW	ING SUI	as:
Rebecca Webster, Note dated May 4, 1861, Enoch Boyce, " " 7, " 7, " 8. G. Hathaway, " " Sept. 25, 1862, Taunton Savings Bk., Note dated April 8, 1864, Aloria Tisdale, " " Aug. 9, " Taunton Savings Bk., " " Sept. 9, " Maria Burt, " " April 1, 1867, Wm. H. Pierce, (Guard'n) Note dated " " Interest of above notes to April 1, 1867, Due District No. 3,	\$150.00 100.00 150.00 2.000.00 300.00 1,000.00 203.62 828.32 313.88 136.22	\$5,282.04
Balance in favor of the Town	_	\$3.078.99

T. P. BURT,

Treasurer of the Town of Berkley.

REPORTS

OF THE

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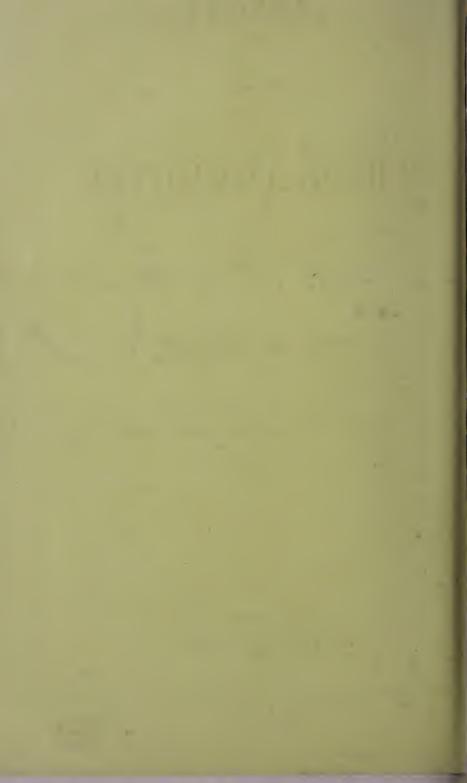
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1868.

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REPORT

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OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1868.

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REPORT.

Another School year has been gathered into the great storehouse of A retrospect of whatever of success has been accomplished or of failure experienced, which the year records, becomes important as a guide in the future. For where there has been a measure of success, to what can that success be fairly credited? Where there has been a lack of success to what cause or causes can that lack be fairly charged? Where there has been a reasonable degree of progress has the teacher or scholars governed the school? Has the teacher been imbued with a sense of the great responsibility of the office? For the teacher represents for the time the educational interests and duties of both the State and family governments. Have the parents co-operated with the teacher in maintaining the order and improving the condition of the schools? The true answers to these questions will guide you in the future. We fear that even more lax views are now entertained, than were formerly, of the obligation to send to school. In proportion as indifference upon these subjects obtain, will the usefulness of our schools be diminished. But very unlike a true interest is the indulgence of the pernicious practice of criticizing teachers and schools, in public places and families, in presence of all grades of scholars. The defects of teachers, the mishaps of the school are freely commented upon and exaggerated, and are the subject of idle gossip and the gratification of tattling propensities. If truants are sheltered unrebuked, if insubordination is hinted at and not frowned upon-what is it but "giving aid and comfort" to wrong doing? Observation does not demonstrate that the most censorious are the most highminded and pure. Persons are too apt, perhaps, to adopt some theory

about schools and their management. Then if the teacher's method does not square with their theory they can see no good, but only evil in a school so managed. Not sufficiently considering that minds differently organized, will naturally be attracted by different modes of administration, and the mode that would well become one teacher, would be to another like clothing David in the armor of Saul. have frequently adverted to the subject of government in schools. Children must learn to obey or they will never be qualified to govern. In the nature of things the children of to-day must be our future rulers under our form of government. Nay, the perpetuity of that form itself will depend upon the ability and justice with which it is admin-Are we sufficiently alive to the influence of schools not only in our social relations, but also their paramount influence upon the character of our State and Nation? Is not the leading position of our Commonwealth in moral and political influence and material prosperity owing to our admirable system of public instruction, wisely conceived and established by our ancestors, more than to all other causes combined? If the bigotry of the Spanish, the levity of the French, and the conceit of the English, are the legitimate effects of their peculiar schools and modes of education, it is in vain to hope or expect that these faults will mend themselves so long as the causes continue.-The schools and modes of education must first be reformed. If also the superiority of the Prussians to other European nations in morals, in intelligence, in political importance, and in short, in all those qualities that make men good and nations great, is owing chiefly to their universal and compulsory system of public instruction, embracing much that is useful and nothing that is useless, why should we not profit by the inexorable logic which teaches that all children should be compelled to attend school and be compelled to the observance of good behavior. These observations we think, are very pertinent and important when we consider that of the whole number of children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, (207) as returned to the Treasurer for a basis of division of the School money among the several districts, only 169, or only 82 per cent. attended the schools at all, and only 128, or 61 per cent. was in average attendance. The whole number of scholars of all ages attending the school in Summer, was 135, average 99. The whole number of all ages attending the schools in the Winter term, was 183. Average attendance in winter 138.

We have no marked change in the condition of the schools to notice. There has been an improvement in the appearance of some of the schools, in others it was not apparent. The Committee, while its past action shows that it is not favorable to frequent changes, yet, hoping that an interest might be awakened and some real good accomplished, by a change in some of the school books so long in use in the schools of the town, contracted with an agent of the publishers of Quackenboss' series of Arithmetic and Gramars, who furnished an entire exchange of those text books and also a map of the United States for each School district, for the small sum of \$35, which was drawn from the town Treasury,—thus relieving parents and others from a considerable expense and furnishing the schools with valuable books and securing uniformity of books in school and somewhat reducing the number of classes existing in some of the schools. We trust the trifling outlay will be acceptable to the town.

THE DISTRICT SYSTEM.

We now introduce for your consideration, a subject which we can no longer forbear to discuss. Our town in common with many small towns composed of a sparse population, has clung to the district system with a tenacity "worthy of a better cause." We are aware that the associations of the past are interwoven with the system, and that it has accomplished much good in our fathers' days and in our own day. But we do not hesitate to avail ourselves of railroad facilities, because the "slow coaches" of former times were very useful, nor of the knowledge or power which the enlarged boundaries of physical science afford us because the powers of steam and electricity were not so well developed and applied by our ancestors. We would reverence them for their many virtues and because they employed the best means available to them, to accomplish the desired object. "Mankind is improved by gradual steps," said one of the greatest of American educators. What commends itself to us by its practical results, wisdom will Old modes of accomplishment in agriculture, manufactures or mechanism will not be employed generally by the successful. Why should we adhere to the district system, because of its ancient respectability?

Among the evils of the system are school houses in some of the districts, unworthy of the name of school houses. Should the town abolish the system and assume ownership and control of all school property in town, many persons who are now adverse to providing suitable buildings in their respective districts, would not be satisfied with anything less than a commodious and attractive building when erected,

at the expense of the whole town. This would clearly be a great gain in respect to school houses. A divided responsibility in the employment of teachers and continuing them when found to be from some cause inefficient, is another evil pertaining to the district system. Sometimes teachers are employed by prudential committees and if the proposed teachers find it inconvenient to apply to the committee for examination and approval, before commencing their schools, they will commence school first, and then after having kept one or two days' school, call upon some member of the committee "for a certificate." The committee may have serious doubts about the qualifications of the candidate—but the school has already begun—it is full time for the school to be in session, the case is prejudged. The committee hoping that more than their expectations may be realized and that their fears may be groundless—gives the certificate—but subsequently regrets to find that it has made a mistake-but still preferring to endure the present evils rather than encounter those it knows not of, the school "drags its slow length along." Again a teacher may be selected by A. for his district, who has succeeded well in another district. owing to reasons pertaining to both teacher and scholars in the new field of labor, the selection would be almost wholly inadmissible.-And yet to refuse a certificate in such a case would cause a root of bitterness to spring up to the injury of the interests of the school.-The committee yield.

And again: it is generally known that the candidate has been employed. The examination is not satisfactory. But a refusal to approve would wound the delicate sensibilities of an amiable and worthy young person. Who would not lean almost unconsciously to the side of mercy and refrain from withholding consent unless dictated by a stern necessity of the case? There is still another reason which bears upon this subject. After the year 1869, the town will lose \$75 annually from the interest of the state school fund if the district system be not then abolished. These are some of the reasons which in the opinion of the writer make the proposed change desirable, and who can now, as he retires from the board at which he has so long had a seat, recommend the change, without danger of being misunderstood and without being deterred by any personal delicacy. "Come let us reason together," let us consider this subject dispassionately in all its phases, and I am assured that the intelligent of the community will conclude that the best interests of the schools in this town require that the school district system should be abolished. In the nature of things it can not be long delayed. Why delay it at all?

No. of Districts.	Number of months School kept.	Wages per month of Teachers.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Under 5 years of age.	Over 15 years of age.	Amount of money expended by each Dist.	Names of Teachers.
1	3	\$18.00	21	14	3	0	\$183.50	Mary J. Cudworth.
"	4	25.00	30	201	4	1	φ105.50	Nannie D. Nichols.
2	29-10	20.00	30	21	1	2	201.00	Ruth M. Buffington.
"	31	35.00	40	311	0	10	201.62	Alden B. Chace.
3	3	23.00	27	20	0	0	100.01	Charlotte B. French.
"	334	28.00	37	30	0	8	198.01	J. J. Nichols.
4	3	24.00	21	17	1	3	101.10	Maria Taber.
"	3	26.00	29	24	0	9	181.19	A. D. Lovell.
5	3	18.00	22	17	0	1	1=1.46	Helen R. Townsend.
"	33	28.00	23	21	0	3	171.40	
6	3	20.00	14	10	1	0		Julia R. Burt.
"	4 9-10	25.00	21	13	0	4	190.80	

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Berkley, April 4, 1868.

REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY,

For the Year Ending April 1, 1868.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, April 1st,	\$296.68
State, County, and Town Taxes,	5,482.45
District No. 2, tax,	25.11
· · · · 6, · ·	126.36
Highway deficiencies,	46.36
Overlaying on taxes,	65.12
Cash on two fish notes,	382.00
" " one oyster note,	300.00
" from State Treasurer, (state aid furnished 1866)	234.93
" corporation tax,	12.75
" " school fund,	126.76
" interest added to taxes,	15.87
" P. French, use of hearse,	3.00
Total receipts,	\$7,117.39

EXPENDITURES.

KEEPING THE POOR.

G. G. Blanchard, support of B. Cudworth, G. L. Leach, wood for M. Newhall, White & Dean, groceries to C. H. Rider,	$$130.00 \\ 6.00 \\ 2.24$	
G. R. Chase, care Almshouse,	161.03	
Expended for the poor,		\$299.27
ROADS AND BRIDG	ES.	
Davis Allen, labor on highway,	34.25	
P. Fletcher, for gravel.	2.40	
J. D. Hathaway, "	5.64	
J. T. Townsend, labor on highway,	21.00	
J. S. Paull, for gravel,	5.50	
Hercules Dean, "	7.32	
Alden B. Chase, "	9.92	
Clearing snow from roads, 1866,	590.38	
A. T. Gray,	3.20	
Expended for roads and bridges,		\$679.61
PUBLIC SCHOOL	S.	
District No. 1,	183.50	
$\cdots \cdots $	201.62	
" 3, (1866)	136.22	
. 3,	198.01	
. 4,	181.19	
., 5,	171.50	
6,	190.80	
Expended for public schools,	and other states of an annual states	\$1,262.84
REPAIRS ON SCHOOL	HOUSES.	
Dist. No. 1, bal. appropriation \$18.48, expe	ended. \$11.59	
" 2. appropriation \$42.74, expende		
" 6, appropriation \$126.36, expende		
Expended for repairs,		\$ 179.33
SELECTMEN.		
Thomas C. Dean,	\$7.50	
Daniel S. Briggs,	26.50	
Walter D. Nichols,	14.50	
Expended for selectmen,		\$48.50

ASSESSORS.

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Alden B. Chace,	\$25.00	
Benj. F. Chace,	25.00	
Nathaniel G. Townsend,	25.00	
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Expended for assessors,		\$75.00
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SCHOOL COMMITTER	c.	
Walter D. Nichols, (1866)	\$17.20	
Oliver E. French,	12.00	
Expended for school committee,	•	\$29.20
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STATE AND COUNTY T		
State tax,	\$1,850.00	
County tax,	382.45	
Expended for state and county tax,		\$2,232.45
STATE AID.		
Lewis Green,	\$48.00	
T. P. Burt,	72.00	
Lauretta Pittsley,	24.00	
Rollin Babbitt,	24.00	
John Harmon,	16.00	
Betsey Briggs,	36.00	
Mary Delano,	12.00	
Expended for state aid,		\$232.00
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PAID ON TOWN NOTE	ES.	
Savings Pank note	6400 00	
Savings Bank note,	\$400.00	
B. G. Hathaway, note and interest,	206.99	
Endorsed on Wm. H. Pierce's (guardian) note, "Maria Burt's note,	$\begin{array}{c} 28.32 \\ 53.62 \end{array}$	
" " Aloria Tisdale's note,	109,56	
Thoria Histaire's note,	105,50	
Expended on town debt,	\$798.49	
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Interest on notes to Savings Bank,

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INCIDENTALS.

Town of Middleboro', guarding fish at E. Taunton, \$20.00	
Gazette office, for printing, 28.00	
A. B. Chace, books and stationery, 5.67	7
Liquor agent's license, 25.00	
H. A. Dans, scaling weights and measures, 9.50	
H. A. Dickerman, books and maps, for use of schools, 35.00)
E. B. Babbitt, repairing settees, 4.50	
Wm. H. S. Crane, serving warrants, &c., 10.00)
Philip French, care of town house, 7.00)
Town clerk's bill, 13.35	
Collector's bill, 98.00)
Treasurer's " 64,18	3
Sinkage on taxes, 11.32	2
Abatement on taxes, 26.55	2
Six per cent. discount on taxes paid before Aug. 1, 227,85	3
Expended for incidentals,	- \$585.82
Cash in Treasury, April 1st. 1868,	343.21
Total expenditures,	\$7,117.39

RECAPITULATION.

Cash receipts for 1867,		\$7,117.39
Expense of keeping poor,	\$299.27	
Roads and bridges,	679.61	
Public schools,	1,262.84	
Repairs on school houses,	179.33	
Selectmen,	48.50	
Assessors,	75.00	
School committee,	29.20	
State aid,	232.00	
Paid on town notes,	798.49	
Interest paid,	351.67	
Incidentals,	585.82	
State and County tax,	2,232.45	
Cash in Treasury, April 1st,	343,21	
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T. P. BURT.

Treasurer of Berkley.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

Town House,	\$1,000.00	
"Farm,	3,500.00	
		\$4,500.00
Valuation of stock, provisions, hay, farming		
utensils, &c., on Town Farm,		\$1,450.53
Liquor in Agent's hands,	152.39	
Iron safe, for use of town,	75.00	
Book case " "	18.00	
School books in Committee's hands,	12.00	
3 Oyster notes due June 1st, 1868, '9, and '70,	900.00	
2 Fish " " " " "	390.00	
State aid furnished Jan. 1, 1867 to Jan. 1, 186	8, 244.00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands April 1st, 1868,	343.21	
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INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Maria Burt, Note dated April 1, 1867, Wm. H. Pierce, (Guardian) Note dated April 1.	\$150.00	
1867,	800.00	
Rebecca Webster, Note dated April 1, 1867,	214.26	
Enoch Boyce, " " " "	142.77	
Aloria Tisdale, " March 27th, 1867,	200.00	
Bristol Co. Sav'gs Bank, Note dated April 8, 1864	, 2,000.00	
" " Sept. 9, "	600.00	
Interest on above notes to April 1, 1868,	82.08	
Dist. No. 1, balance Dist. tax,	6.97	
" " 5, " "	50.02	
6,	1.36	
		\$4,247.46
Balance in favor of the Town,		\$3,837.67
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T. P. BURT,

Treasurer of Berkley.



P. Coleman





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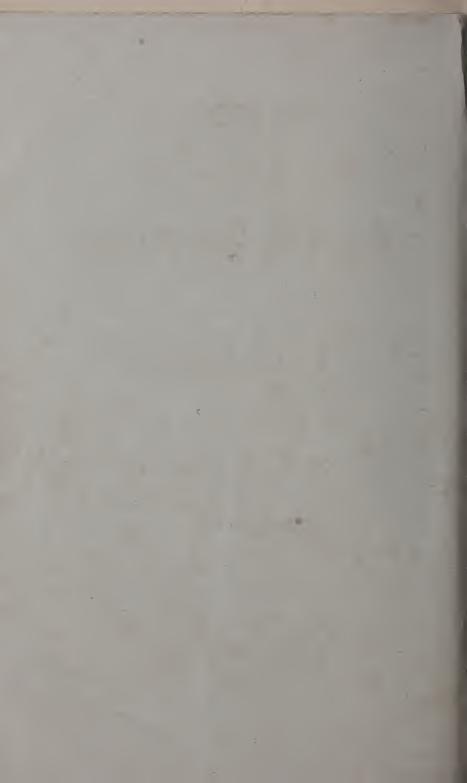
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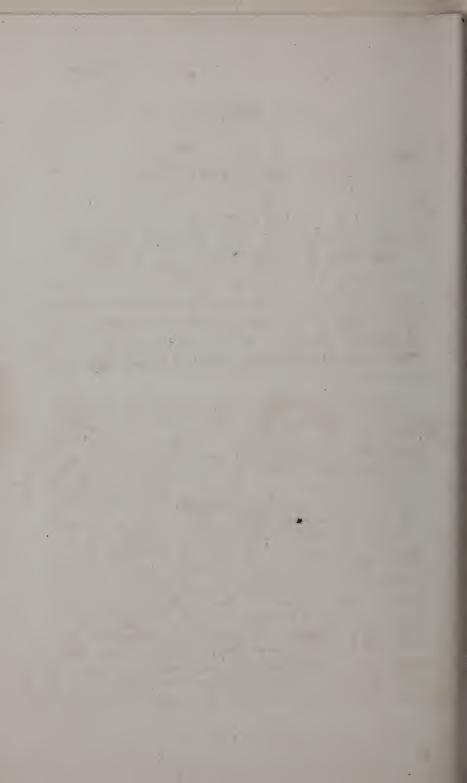
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SCHOOL REPORT.

The close of another school year reminds your Committee of its annually recurring duty of reporting to the town of Berkley the condition and progress of the public schools established by the town. Agreeably, therefore, to the Statutes of the Commonwealth, the following report is respectfully submitted:—

The whole number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years in town upon the first day of May, 1869, was 152. The whole number of scholars attending school in summer was 129. The average attendance in summer was 93, or 72 per cent. of the whole attendance in summer. The whole number of scholars attending school in winter was 171; the average attendance in winter 136, or 80 per cent. of the whole attendance in winter. Of this number, 39 were over the age of 15 years, and 6 under the age of 5 years. It will readily be seen by the above statistics that 44 scholars above or below the ages of 5 and 15 years, added to the 152 children between the ages of 5 and 15 years, should give 196 scholars as a maximum of attendance, instead of 171, as appears by the teachers' Registers, or 25 scholars that have not even put in an appearance at school. Whose children were these, thus deprived of the inestimable privilege of attending school, and of thus qualifying themselves for the sphere of usefulness which we provide and desire for all? Who are those parents so indifferent to the well being and dearest interests of their children? So neglectful of duty and the sacred discharge of it as to allow the children so to absent themselves, or if possible, do still the more culpable act of preventing their attendance? This flagrant violation of parental obligation and of statute law should not be permitted, and we hope for the sake of human progress will not recur again.

As the school system of this town is now undergoing the transition from the District to that of the Town System, in common with many other towns in this Commonwealth, agreeably to the Statute of the Legislature of the last year abolishing the District system, those interested in our schools who have feared that the result would be disastrous, are admonished not to arrive at hasty conclusions regarding the change. Some derangement may naturally be expected as a result of the change, when it is considered how long the schools of this town have worked in the groove of the district system. But a temporary derangement is no evidence of anything but a change. Financially, the immediate result of resuming specie payments would be a temporary dederangement of present values, though few persons we think, however, would contest the point of its ultimate benefit in all departments of legitimate business and of productive industry. So with our new school system.

While we shall endeavor not to repeat our mistakes, but rather profit by our experience, we confidently predict that with a fair unprejudiced trial, the present system will be eminently successful, and in a few years all good citizens will be satisfied with

the change. New and more convenient houses will succeed the old and unsuitable in the order of their condition, and yet so gradually as not to be very onerous or burdensome. And here and now, your Committee express the ardent hope that the only rivalry about school houses will be, who shall be the most magnanimous and public spirited in granting a sufficient sum to build such school houses as that the generations to come will rise up and call us blessed. Let there be no sectional feeling, but remember that we are all citizens of one town, and whatever benefits one part of it injures no other, but inures to the educational, social and material prosperity of all. But while we plead for good school houses, those important and almost indispensible constituents of good schools, we would remind parents that their duties are not ended with providing suitable buildings and apparatus, nor even when well qualified teachers who are interested in their vocation are employed. Your personal zeal, interest and sympathy are indispensible. nal vigilance is the price of liberty," it is no less the price of education, properly understood. Vigilance on the part of your Committee, that no incompetent, uninterested teacher shall be employed, but that each and every one shall be competent to teach, be imbued with a sense of its importance and far reaching consequences, and with a love of it. Vigilance on the part of the teacher, that no harsh or unworthy impression may be received, thus securing the accomplishment of the aspirations and objects for which the system of public schools was conceived and established. Vigilance on the part of parents, so that the ever needful sympathy will be extended to the teacher to give efficiency to all her well directed efforts to advance the interests of the school, and to inculcate implicit confidence in, and willing obedience to, the teacher on the part of their children. On the part of the pupil, vigilance to guard against any disorderly or unworthy conduct toward teacher or schoolmates, and that the assigned lesson be properly conned and thoroughly understood—that no time shall run to waste, no opportunities for moral or intellectual improvement be neglected—so that their minds be not permitted to become like the garden of the sluggard, overgrown with the weeds of vice, and the stone walls of virtue's defence be not broken down. In this connection your Committee would express the earnest desire that the olden times custom which obtained when we were scholars should be revived. We would like to see the successors of that venerable clergyman of our youthful recollections, whom

> "Even children followed with endearing wile, And plucked his gown to share the good man's smile."

take active interest in our schools, making manifest that interest by visiting them, speaking about them in public, in private interviews and by pertinent suggestions to all who are interested in them. For it can hardly be doubted that the untiring efforts of their "illustrious predecessor" in the cause of education accomplished more to improve the moral and intellectual, the true foundation of the spiritual conditions of the generations contemporary with him, than his pulpit oratory which was not of an inferior And with their combined influence an impression was made, which will not be lost we trust for generations to come, but like good seed sown in good ground will spring up and bear successive harvests of beautiful results, illustrated by the intelligence, morality and christianity of our citizens, young and old throughout the dim vista of the fu-Likewise, we wish to see the custom revived of parents and citizens generally visiting schools without ceremony as circumstances may best permit, thus evincing their interest in the progress and condition of the schools. The good effect of these influences can hardly be over estimated from many points of view. And while it would also promote a better understanding, and more complete harmony and co-operation between parents, teachers and children,

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and sometimes even from prejudice; it would also have a most salutary influence upon the minds of the children who compose the schools.

Some of our summer school teachers were themselves mere scholars, too immature in mind and in qualifications to assume the important position of teaching that which they needed first themselves to Worthy young ladies they were, undoubtedly, yet insufficiently educated to teach well, and less qualified to govern. Our schools are of too much importance and are too short to be subjected to such frequent failures. But the shortness of our schools, and the small compensation paid, hindered the employment of well qualified teachers of established reputation from abroad, and your Committee were obliged to employ such teachers as were employed We hope and trust, however, that under the altered condition of more time to employ, and a more generous appropriation to compensate, that this sad state of affairs will not again recur. In the selection of teachers for our winter schools, we flatter ourselves we have been upon the whole quite fortunate. There have been no entire and but few partial failures in the winter term, and that partial failure must, we think, be largely charged to the responsibility of some of the parents.

That the teacher's vocation is an important and honorable one will, we think, not be questioned. And because of the momentous interests involved, and because it requires the exercise of many of the highest and most enobling qualities of the human mind and character, the possession of which would command respect, and insure success in any calling or position. To teach properly requires more than to hear recitations and decide upon their correctness. It requires illustrations and explanations, and a careful study not only of the subject taught but of the minds to be taught,—its dispositions, capacities and habits,—so as to foster, adapt and confirm, or correct, improve, check or restrain, according as they are good, ample and correct, or the reverse. In short, it requires knowledge of various kinds, language to impart it, ideality to comprehend the working of the juvenile mind, conscientiousness to decide justly, and to promote the discharge of duty disagreeable though it may be, and to inculcate To govern a school properly requires truthfulness. self-government, firmness, energy, benevolence and consideration. And to these qualifications should be added a vivacious charming address, which will banish ill-temper and boorishness, by teaching civility, politeness and amiability. These qualifications, possessed in a high degree, will command success everywhere, the person not possessed of them in a considerable degree will not be very successful anywhere.

We fear teachers, as well as parents, too often overlook the teaching of that good behavior in schools which is enjoined by the founders of the school system; "those virtues which so adorn society" are paramount to mere intellectual culture. While the intellect must be cultivated, the moral character and the conscience must not be neglected.

Will parents see to it that lessons of virtue are taught children at home, to be practised in school. Instruct them in their intercourse with their schoolmates, teach them forbearance, truthfulness, kindness, and a desire to make others around them happy; to deny selfishness, restrain anger, to be ashamed of hatred, even though momentary, and impress their minds with the necessity of diligence and obedience. Whenever there is a hearty co-operation of all the influences which compose and direct our schools, we may, under the favor of God, expect to accomplish much in the right direction, and not until then.

WALTER D. NICHOLS, School Com. DANIEL S. BRIGGS, HERBERT A. DEAN, Berkley.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS,

Cash in Treasury April 1st,	\$1077 10
State, County and Town Taxes,	5575 53
1 Oyster Note,	300 00
2 Fish Notes,	506 00
Town of Freetown on account of P. Coleman,	56 61 L
State Treasurer, State Aid,	156 00
" Corporation Tax,	17 12
" School Fund,	$129 \ 42$
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	54 07
Interest on Taxes,	11 63

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EXPENDITURES.

State Tax.	925 00
County Tax,	364 23
Public Schools,	1141 25
Paid on Town Debt,	1600 00
Paid District Tax,	2261 95
Support of Poor,	271 85
Selectmen,	59 10
Assessors,	128 12
State Aid,	156 00
Roads and Bridges,	23 44
School Committee,	24 75
Interest Paid,	96 50
Incidentals,	445 07
Repairs on School Houses,	28 50
Cash on hand,	357 72
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EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

State Tax, County Tax, Paid on Town Debt, District Tax paid, Interest paid,		925 00 364 23 1600 00 2261 95 96 50	
	SELECTMEN.		
Thomas C. Dean, Benjamin F. Coombs, D. S. Briggs,		18 20 6 00 34 90	
Expended for Selectmen,			\$ 59 10
	ASSESSORS.		
D. S. Briggs, B. F. Coombs, Thomas C. Dean,		70 00 38 12 20 00	
Expended for Assessors,			\$128 12
	STATE AID.		
Lewis Green, T. P. Burt, Betsey Briggs,		36 00 72 00 48 00	
Expended for State Aid,			\$156 00
	DS AND BRIDGES.		
Thomas J. Tew for gravel, Mr. Goodspeed " J. D. Dillingham, " P. H. Fletcher, " J. S. Paull, " C. E. French, "		3 08 2 96 6 76 2 00 1 68 6 96	•
Expended on Roads,			\$23 44
всн	OOL COMMITTEE.		
D. S. Briggs,			24 75

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by Town, State School Fund, County Dog Fund,	1000 00 129 42 54 07	
County Dog 1 and,		
Total for Schools,		1183 49
Expended for Schools,		1141 25
Balance due Schools.	-	\$42 24
Datanoo dae Sonoois,		W12 21
Expended for repairs on School Houses,		\$28 50
Expended for School No. 1.	•	
Sarah B. Winslow, summer term,	66 00	
D. S. Briggs, winter,	130 00	
Repairs,	7 50	
Incidentals,	19 50	
		\$223 00
Expended for School District No. 2.		
Julia R. Burt, summer term,	66 00	
" " winter term,	97 50	
Incidentals,	5 00	
		\$ 168 50
	p	W100 00
Expended for School No. 3.		
Maria C. Pierce, summer term,	60 00	
George L. Ellis, winter term,	146 25	
Repairs,	2 00	
Incidentals,	12 25	
		\$220 50
Expended for School No. 4,		
G. H. Hathaway, summer term,	66 00	
L. S. Tripp, winter "	105 00	
Nellie R. Townsend, "	23 75	
W. D. Nichols, "	3 00	
Repairs,	2 64	
Incidentals,	17 25	
		\$217 64

Expended for School No. 5.

Ida F. Clark, summer term, M. C. Hansen, winter term, Repairs, Incidentals,	54 00 73 00 16 36 8 88
incidentals,	\$157 24
Expended for School No. 6.	
Nellie R. Townsend, summer term, " winter term,	68 25 87 50
Incidentals,	17 12

SUPPORT OF POOR.

\$182 81

N. G. Townaend, bal. of salary care Aims House, 2 yrs.	124	43
J. W. Hart, house rent for Stephen Briggs,		00
White, Child & Co. groceries for do.	5	00
City of Taunton, supplies for do.	5	00
D. S. Briggs, supplies for Mahala Newhall,	6	50
George Blanchard, on account of B. Cudworth,	92	00
J. D. Hathaway, supplies to P. Coleman,	3	50
H. A. Dean, "" "	6	00
H. A. Dean & Co. " " "	14	42 ~
		\$271 85

INCIDENTALS.

J. W. D. Hall, printing,	23 00	
Town of Middleboro' care of fish East Taunton,	20 00	
D. S. Cummings, services as fish warden,	10 00	
T. P. Burt,	14 00	
Collector's Bill,	59 00	•
Treasurer's Bill,	49 97	
Discounts, abatements and sinkages,	$243\ 52$	
A. S. Bams & Co. school books,,	18 00	
A. B. Chace,	7 58	
		\$445 07

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF BERKLEY.

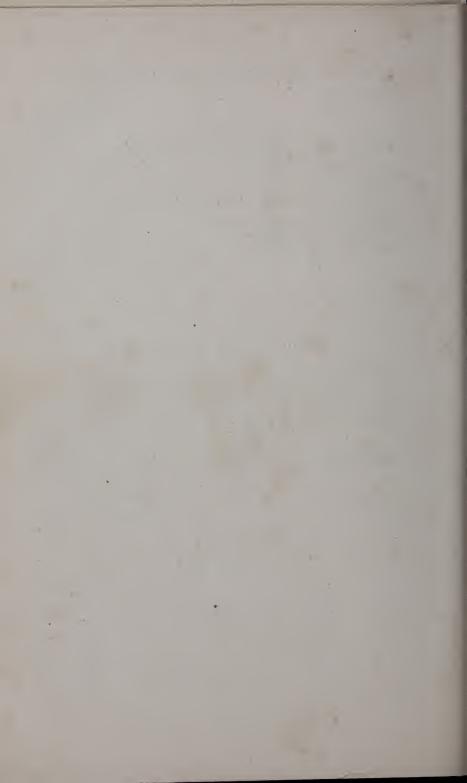
Town House,	\$1000 00
" Farm,	3500 00
	\$4500 00
Valuation of Stock, Provisions, Hay, F	arming Uten-
sils, &c. on Town Farm,	$1450\ 21$
Iron Safe for use of town,	7 5 00
Book Case " " "	18 00
Six Oyster Notes due June 1st, 1870,	71, '72, '73,
'74, '75,	2300 00
Two Fish Notes, due June 1st, 1870,	$252\ 50$
State Aid due from State,	195 00
Cash in Treasury, April 1st,	357 72
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	\$9148 43

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Maria Burt, Note dated April 1st, Wm. H. Pierce, Guardian, Note da Rebecca Webster, Note dated Apri Enoch Boyce, """ Bristol County Savings Bank, "	ted April 1, 1867, l 1, 1867, " " 8, 1864,	214 26 142 77 400 00
Balance in favor of Town,	, -	1657 03 \$7491 40
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T. PRESTON BURT,

Treasurer of Berkley.



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SCHOOL REPORT.

The close of another school year reminds us, the School Committee of the town of Berkley, of the duty imposed upon us by the statutes of the Commonwealth. Accordingly we submit the following as our report.

The whole number of scholars in town on the first day of May last, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, was 148, as returned to us by the Assessors of the town.

The whole number attending school in Summer, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, was 106. Over 15 years of age, 29. Under 5 years of age, 11,—or 121 in the aggregate.

The average attendance in all the schools and of all ages, in Summer, was 89 1-3. In Winter, the whole number of scholars attending school, between 5 and 15 years of age, was 120. Over 15 years of age there were 29. Under 5 years of age there were 3,—or in the aggregate 152 scholars of all ages.

The average attendance of all ages during the Winter was 126 1-4. $\frac{\pi}{2}$

If these data, as furnished to us by the Assessors and by the several teachers, are correct, there are 28 children between the ages of 5 and 15 years who have not attended school at all.

In the language of last year's Report we inquire, "Whose children were these, thus deprived of the inestimable privilege of attending school, which we provide and desire for all, and thus qualify themselves for a sphere of usefulness in the discharge of the various duties of life? Who were those parents so indifferent to the well being and dearest interests of their children? So neglectful of duty and the sacred discharge of it as to allow their children to absent themselves, or possibly do the still more culpable act of preventing their attendance? This flagrant violation of parental obligation and of statute law should not be permitted, and we hope for the sake of human progress will not recur again." But sorrowfully do we record that it appears to have recurred again and in a greater degree than last year. There is a serious wrong in this matter. Where does it exist?

The schools have been, upon the whole, quite satisfactorily conducted during the year; and they appeared well when compared with last year's schools, with the exception of that in number 3, which was last Winter taught by an experienced teacher of ability, and this Winter by a teacher without experience, but who might have succeeded in some other school, though failing in governing this, the school was prematurely closed.



There has been considerable excitement and interest displayed and feeling expressed on account of the alleged lavish expenditure of money paid by us to several of the teachers during the Winter term. We enter upon a discussion of this subject under circumstances which produce feelings of regret, mingled however with the consciousness on our part of rectitude of intention. We say regret, for anything which produces a division of opinion and action, or discord or hostility, or even apathy concerning the measures or success of our public schools is a subject of profound regret, and much indeed to be deplored. We shall not however enter upon a labored defense of our action in reference to this (to some) very reprehensible conduct.

A brief review of this "unpleasantness" must here suffice. The Committee authorized a gentleman to procure the services of the teacher for School No. 4 at \$10 per week. The teachers in Nos. 2, 5 and 6 had been previously engaged to take their respective schools for the Winter term. The matter of wages however had not been definitely determined, but it was intimated to them that the compensation would be uniform. A minority of the Committee was impressed that the sum of \$7 per week was to be the compensation generally, during the Winter term, but it was not so recorded. On the evening previous to the commencement of most of the Winter schools the committee were informed that some at least of the teachers would not commence their respective schools unless assured that their pay would be equal to that of the teacher in No. 4. The Committee concluded to accede to it rather than take the risk of being a long time without teachers at a season when the schools should be open, and also of being more poorly supplied even then at an equal or greater rate of compensation. The wages also for four months in Summer at \$6 per week amount to \$96, and three months in Winter at \$10 per week to \$120, added together making \$216, divided by 7, (number of school months) gives \$30 7-8, or \$7 5-7 per week, which is not greater we think than is paid in a majority of the towns in our vicinity, if greater than the average wages in any of them. The teachers also had taught in their respective schools, and their services were, we believed, acceptable, and their continuance therein desired. Taking then the welfare of the schools into consideration, and taking also the promise made to some of the teachers, that their wages should be equal to that of any, and not feeling fully justified in making any invidious distinctiou in compensation where there was so little difference in the value of the services rendered, the sum paid to all was alike, except in school No. 3, the teacher of which having never taught before, she received but \$7.50 per week.

Upon a review of all the circumstances of this case, while we much regret the consequent shortening of the schools, and would have been most happy to have avoided it if possible, we cannot but feel that we acted not only according to the best of our judgment, but also not unwisely. Teachers who have

shown a capacity for governing schools, an aptness for teaching, a patient assiduity and energy in the discharge of their duties as teachers, should not be lightly changed for an uncertainty in these several important respects.

In short, it sometimes is the part of wisdom to endure some disadvantage, rather than encounter the possibility, not to say probability, of greater.

There appears to be some of our citizens who desire to return to the former district system. And were such action likely to improve the condition of our schools, and give to them a more hearty support and awaken anew our increased interest in their prosperity, it would be well to re-establish the discarded district system, notwithstanding the many disadvantages thereof. But we have no confidence that such would be the result, and do not feel favorable to such a retrograde movement as an experiment. We think it a "consummation" not "devoutly to be wished."

The object of our public schools, we venture to affirm, and we think none will deny, is to produce not so many splendid scholars as good citizens. For it is in these seminaries that the mass of the future men and women of the nation must obtain all that school instruction which prepares them for the various duties and engagements of after life. Our schools at best are short, and the opportunities therein very limited. Is it not then an object of the first importance that not only the whole time of school going should be improved, but that a judi-

cious selection of the studies pursued should be made. In former reports the attention of parents and teachers has been called to the undue prominence given to the study of Arithmetic in our schools; while that of Grammar and Reading are merely of secondary importance and too much neglected. Now Arithmetic, that science of figures, the symbols of number and quantity, is undeniably of great value practically, and as a means of disciplining a portion of the human mind. It supplies it with data and materials for work in the various every-day employments of life. In the production, preparation and exchange of commodities, arithmetical calculations are indispensable. But after all, Arithmetic itself would be cramped and hampered in its use were it not for the aid which language affords it. The problems themselves which a knowledge of Arithmetic aids us to solve and apply, are unmeaning and useless without a knowledge of the correct use of words with which to clothe the idea. It cannot therefore, we think, be too strongly recommended to the older scholars in our schools to give the study of Grammar and of words, their meaning and use, the consideration which their importance demands. We say older scholars, for as "Grammar was made after language, it should be taught after language."

One more suggestion, and that is not a new one, and we have done. While we consider the cultivation of the human intellect of great importance, we consider the cultivation of the moral qualities of our nature as far transcending that of the merely intellectual.

The truly great are the good. Let it be ever borne in mind then by us parents, by teachers, and by all, that the great lesson of life for us to practice and to inculcate in school and elsewhere, is that Divine command, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them." The gigantic peculations, frauds of various kinds, robberies, forgeries and counterfeitings which paralyze legitimate industry and render unsafe the little so hardly earned by the poorer classes—as well as the wealth of the richer—are not due to a lack of mere intellectual culture, but rather to a disregard of the moral, not to say religious, obligations of society. We repeat, then (and none can shirk their individual responsibility), let none of us neglect to instil by precept and by example, into the minds of the children and youth committed to our care, the great and abiding principles of truthfulness and those other virtues which so adorn society. Teach them not to make haste to be rich, but to be industrious, prudent and benevolent, and to encourge the cultivations of those faculties of the human mind which will best qualify and incline them to discharge their duties in every-day life, and best fit them for those scenes "beyond the bounds of time." "For as ye sow, shall ye also reap."

WALTER D. NICHOLS, School Com. DANIEL S. BRIGGS, HERBERT A. DEAN, School Com. Berkley.

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Inci-	16.50	16.00	10.00	14.50	13.25		14.25	18.00	\$92.5	09.9	
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School. Names of Teachers. Superstances	No. 1. Carrie M. Nichols,	Julia R. Burt,	Lusanna S. Tripp,	Hattie Macomber,	Sarah Nason,	Mary L. Burt,		6. Nellie R. Townsend,	-	From State School Fund, Dog Tax Fund,	Sum expended.
School.	No. 1.	;;	٠ • •	7	f	5.		; ;	To	ZĂ	

TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1ST, 1871.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, April 1st,		\$357.72
State, County and Town Taxes,		3,971.26
Two Fish Notes,		252.50
One Oyster Note,		300.00
State Treasurer, State Aid,		156.00
" " Corporation Tax,		12.68
" " School Fund,		142.49
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,		53.72
Selectmen (land sold to C. Haskins),		10.00
Interest on Taxes,		5.90
		\$5 969 97

EXPENDITURES.

State Tax,	\$925.00
County Tax,	333.88
Paid on Town Debt,	1,117.12
Interest paid,	30.00
Assessors,	87.05
State Aid,	148.00
School Committee,	65.50
Support of Poor,	69.70
Roads and Bridges,	155.59
Public Schools,	1,383.68
Repairs on School Houses,	29.56
Incidentals, &c.,	631.72
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Cash in Treasury, April 1st,	

4,976.80 285.47

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EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

State Tax, County Tax,	$925.00 \\ 333.88$	
Paid on Town Debt,	1,117.12	
Interest paid,	30.00	
		2,406.00
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ASSESSORS.		
John T. Townsend,	23.75	
Daniel S. Briggs,	38.30	
Benj. F. Chase,	25.00	
Expended for Assessors,		07.05
Expended for Assessors,		87.05
STATE AID.		
STATE AID.		
Betsey Briggs,	40.00	
Lewis Green,	36.00	
T. P. Burt,	72.00	
Expended for State Aid,		148.00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.		
Daniel S. Briggs,	11.75	
Walter D. Nichols,	19.25	
Herbert A. Dean (2 years),	34.50	
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Expended for School Committee,		65.50
SUPPORT OF POOR.		
N. G. Townsend, balance of salary,	49.70	
City of Taunton, on acct. Stephen Briggs,	6.00	
White, Child & Co. " " "	4.00	
J. W. Hart, house rent, "	10.00	69.70
		03.70

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

11.00		
Darius Sanford, for gravel,	4.16	
A. T. Gray, shovelling snow,	4.50	
Calvin Belcher, " "	2.19	
Benj. Luther, " "	1.10	
James Maguire, " "	3.25	
N. G. Townsend, "	6.00	
Jeremiah Pierce, " "	.96	
Amos Wade, "	3.60	
Elisha Belcher, "	1.11	
T. J. Tew, gravel,	2.00	
J. Goodspeed, "	3.25	
J. D. Dillingham, gravel,	1.84	
H. Dean, "	3.68	
Joseph Staples, "	1.60	
Davis Allen, "	2.61	
Benj. Macomber, labor on highway,	11.62	
Elunn Staples, " "	20.62	
Christopher French. "	25.00	
Daniel Caswell, " "	2.25	
Benj. F. Chase, " "	11.25	
J. H. Cummings, " "	6.00	
John T. Townsend, " "	27.00	
James Covell, ""	3.00	
Joseph Cummings, " "	3.00	
Wm. H. S. Crane, "	4.00	
		155.59
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.		
Appropriation by the Town,	1,200.00	
State School Fund.	142.49	
County Dog Fund,	53.72	
Total for Schools,		1,396.21
Expended for Schools,		1,383.68
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Expanded for renains on Cahaal Hauses		29.56
Expended for repairs on School Houses,		20.00
Expended for School No. 1.		
Carrie M. Nichols, summer term,	78.00	
Daniel S. Briggs, winter term,	150.00	
Incidentals,	16.50	
		244.50
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Expended for School No. 2.		
Julia R. Burt, summer term, Julia R. Burt, winter term, Incidentals, Repairs,	96.00 120.00 19.75 4.50	40.25
Expended for School No. 3.		
Lou S. Tripp, summer and fall term, Hattie Macomber, winter term, Incidentals, Repairs,	96.00 75.00 16.70 18.91	206.61
Expended for School No. 4.		
S. W. Nason, summer term, S. W. Nason, winter term, W. D. Nichols, Incidentals,	56.00 120.00 48.00 15.90	239.90
Expended for School No. 5.	,	
Mary L. Burt, summer term, Mary L. Burt, winter term, Incidentals, Repairs,	96.00 120.00 24.83 6.15	246.98
Expended for School No. 6.		
Nellie Townsend, summer term, Nellie Townsend, winter term, Incidentals,	96.00 120.00 19.00	235 00

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INCIDENTALS.

D. S. Briggs, sundries,	18.24	
John A. Reed, painting town house,	36.17	
Sumner Knapp, sundries,	7.40	
N. G. Townsend. "	13.54	
A. K. Williams & Co., lumber,	2.16	
Peter Nichols, hewing posts,	6.33	
Enoch Boyce,	2.00	
N. G. Case. labor on Town House,	12.00	٠,
W. H. S. Crane (Constable, 2 years),	24.00	
Republican Office, printing,	24.50	
Town of Middleboro, care of fish at E. Taunton,	20.00	
Willard & Lane, paint,	65.29	
Ann Cummings, cleaning Town House,	2.50	
Treasurer, commission,	45.20	
Collector's bill,	49.00	
Sinkages on Taxes,	37.35	
Abatements on Taxes,	5.41	
Discount on Taxes,	270.63	
		631.72

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF BERKLEY.

Town House,		1,000.0	0
" Farm,	ø	3,500.0	0
		***************************************	4,500.00
Valuation of S	tock, Provisions, Hay,	Farming	
Utensils, &	&c., on Town Farm,	1,373.1	5
Iron Safe for as	se of town,	75.0	0
Book Case "	66	18 0	0
Five Oyster No	tes due June 1st, 1871,	'72, '73,	
'74 and '7	5,	2,000.0	0
Two Fish Notes	s due June 1st, 1871,	176.0	0
State Aid due f	rom State,	187.0	0
Cash in Treasu	ry, April 1st,	285.4	7
			4,114.62
			8,614,62

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

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T. PRESTON BURT,

Treasurer of Berkley.

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TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1st 1874.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, April 1st, 1873,	\$122 80	
State, County and Town Taxes,	4,786 65	
Two Fish Notes,	195 00	
One Oyster Note,	400 00	
State Treasurer, State Aid,	126 00	
" Corporation Tax,	16 35	
" National Bank Tax,	304 40	
" School Fund,	122 09	
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	96 62	
Geo. C. Hambly, pedler's license,	3 00	
Interest added to taxes,	5 26	
Taxes added to bills,	3 30	
	**************************************	6,181 47

EXPENDITURES.

State and County Taxes,	\$1,003 62
Selectmen,	48 20
Assessors,	101 24
State Aid,	115 50

Poor out of Almshouse,	144 42	
Public Schools,	1,272 24	
Repairs of highways and bridges,	912 02	
New school house,	1,803 77	
Incidentals,	$663\ 50$	
Cash in Treasury, April 1st,		6,064 51
Cash in Treasury, April 1st,		
		6,181 47
EXPENDITURES IN DET	TAIL.	
State Tax,		\$607 50
County Tax,		396 12
SELECTMEN.		
Thomas C. Dean,	\$23 10	
James Maguire,	25 10	
Expended for Selectmen,		48 20
ASSESSORS.		
Thomas C. Dean,	\$37 24	
Simeon Briggs, (1872,)	8 00	
George P. Strange,	28 00	
Samuel S. Pierce,	28 00	
Expended for Assessors,		101 24
STATE AID.		
	450.00	
T. P. Burt,	\$72 00	
Lewis Green,	27 00	
Bildad Williams,	16 50	

Expended for State Aid,

115 50

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

B. L. Burt & Co., supplies to M. Newhall,	\$5	45	
James W. Hart, house rent for S. D. Briggs,	14	17	
City of Taunton, supplies to S. D. Briggs,	18	00	
Dr. J. L. Wellington, med. attendance on Diana			
Shove,	30	00	
Dr. J. L. Wellington, med. attendance on Geo.			
Richmond,	29	00	
Town of Swansey, supplies to John G. Richmond	, 8	00	
B. L. Burt & Co., supplies to S. D. Briggs,	39	80	
Expended for aid out of Almshouse,			144 42

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the town,	\$1,200 00
State School Fund,	122 09
County Dog Fund,	96 62
Total for Schools,	1,418 71

EXPENDED FOR TEACHERS.

Nellie R. Strange,	\$240 00
Lizzie A. Dean,	112 00
Delia T. Standish,	209 25
Annie C. Carpenter,	91 00
Virginia P. Cudworth,	48 00
Ella J. Reed,	133 00
Myra Whitaker,	184 00
J. W. Fairley,	104 00
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Expended for Teachers,	1,121 25

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

John A. Reed,	setting g	glass a	and	repair	ing	blinds,	\$5	72
T. G. Chase,	66	66		66		desks,	1	75
N. H. Strange,	repairin	ig sch	ool	house	No.	5,	8	00
N. G. Case,	66	•		66	No.	1,		75

Expended for Repairs,

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FUEL AND INCIDENTALS.

N. H. Strange, key,	\$	15
T. G. Chase, building fires,	3	25
Henry Sanford, cutting wood,	4	00
John A. Reed, wood and cutting,	6	50
Henry A. Haines, building fires,	3	50
S. Knapp, wood,	39	25
J. R. Elsbree, wood,	19	25
Joseph T. Cummings, cutting wood,	4	00
Cox & Wardell, stove pipe,	2	45
N. H. Strange, building fires,	3	00
B. F. Chase, broom and pail,		67
W. H. Belcher, cutting wood,	8	25
N. G. Townsend, wood,	11	50
Anthony Shepard, cutting wood,	9	50
N. H. Strange, wood and cutting,	14	75
W. H. Belcher, building fires,	4	75

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REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

E. B. Babbitt, labor on highways,		\$33	76	
H. B. Babbitt,	66	66	/ 11	10
F. Newhall,	"	"	6	40
I. Babbitt,	66	66	1	60

Expended for Fuel and Incidentals,

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W. H. S. Crane,	labor o	on highwa	ays,	3 60
G. L. Leach,	66	"		6 40
S. Knapp,	66	66		6 00 -
G. Crane,	66	66		4 00
J. C. Crane,	66	66		5 40
N. Hathaway,	66	66		1 50
A. Pierce,	"	66		2 40
E. Babbitt,	66	66		2 40
H. A. Haines,	66	66		1 60
Thos. C. Dean,	"	66	and gravel,	33 00
S. Knapp,	66	. 66		2 80
D. Sanford,	66	66		3 00
J. A. Reed,	"	66		2 50
Albert Burt,	66	66		10 20
S. Knapp,	"	"		80 20
S. Knapp,	66	66		9 00
S. Knapp,	66	66		15 00
Eliphalet Terry,	"			10 40
Noah H. Strange	, 66	66		7 40
Geo. E. Boyce ar	nd othe	ers, "		40 00
Apollos Seekell, l		n highwa	ys,	8 00
Geo. W. Watson,	, "	66		12 10
B. Paull,	66	66		2 25
S. Allen,	66	66		16 80
S. Knapp,	66	66	and gravel,	107 20
Alvin Briggs,	66	66		19 50
Barnard Norcutt,	66	66		3 00
N. G. T. Bowen,	66	66		6 00
Otis Haskell,	66	66		6 00
Thos. B. Staples,	66	66		8 50
Wm. K. Evans,	66	66		32 00
D. Phillips,	66	66		6 00
Silas Norcutt,	66	66		17 15
Thomas Terry,	66	66		9 40
Joseph Staples,	66	66	and gravel,	14 80
Albert W. Allen,	66	66		11 50
Cyrus Haskins,	66	66		15 60

Geo. W. Westgate,	labor on	highway	s, powder		
and drills,		•		13	90
-Davis Allen, labor	on highw	ays,		15	20
Alfred Pierce,	66	46		5	80
J. T. Townsend,	66	66		21	20
Thos. H. Seekell,	46	66		11	00
Daniel Caswell,	66	66		6	00
Israel Chase,	44	46		5	50
Ebenezer Briggs,	6.6	6.6		8	00
John F. Richmond,	66	66		2	80
Geo. B. Boyce,	66	66		98	02
C. L. Rounsville,	66	6.		7	00
B. H. Thrasher,	66	66		21	00
John H. Thrasher,	66	6.6		25	15
O. Green,	66	66		11	00
Wm. Caswell,	66	66		16	00
John Harmon,	66	66		3	00
E. B. Babbitt, clea	ring snov	v from h	ighway,	1	60
Geo. E. Boyce,	66	66	66	3	60
Enoch Boyce,	6.6	66	66	2	30
John Boyce,	66	66	66	1	80
Alex. Gray,	66	66	66	2	00
P. L. Chase,	66	66	66	2	00
B. F. Chase,	66	66	66		60
S. S. Pierce,	66	66	66		40
E. Belcher,	66	66	"	1	90
J. Q. Dillingham,	66	66	66	4	20
John Macomber,	66	66	46	1	60
A. E. Dean,	66	66	66	1	00
T. F. Dean,	66	66	66		40
W. D. Nichols,	66	4.6	66	3	20
Benj. Coombs,	66	66	66		40
Benj. Luther,	66	66	66		80
James Maguire,	66	66	66		00
Geo. E. Boyce,	6.	66	66		50
Cyrus Hathaway,	Treas. Co	ong. Soc	iety, labor or		
highway,				7	09

George E. Boyce,	labor	on highway,	2 40
Evander Strange,		66	1 80
W. H. S. Crane,	44	46	4 40

Expended for Repairs of Roads and Beidges, 912 02

COST OF NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

C. G. W. French, land,			\$100 00
S. Knapp, labor on lot,			23 60
Samuel C. Norcutt, labo	or on lot,		76 25
Enoch and Wm. Macon	ber, labor o	n lot,	28 50
A. Cummings,	44	44	39 40
Chas. O. Thrasher,	44	46	35 80
Wm. H. S. Crane,	. 44	44	38 50
Geo. W. Hall, surveyin	g lot,		3 00
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Cost of Land and Grading,

345 05

COST OF HOUSE.

\$69 34
45 24
41 45
9 37
117 76
553 09
22 69
406 18
2 30
36 20
15 15
34 87

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Simeon Briggs, Jr., labor,	38 40
Jas. H. Cummings, "	4 00
Anthony Shepard, "	3 00
W. H. S. Crane, sundries and labor,	57 33

1,458 72

2 35

Amount of Paid Bills.

Old Colony Railroad, freighting.

1,803 77

There are unpaid bills to the amount of \$336 49, making the total cost of house, land and furniture. \$2,140 26.

INCIDENTALS.

Town of Middleboro, care of fish at E. Taunton, \$20 00 S. Knapp, care of town house and cash paid out. 8 90

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Republican Office, printing reports,	26	00	
Bennett & Fuller, legal advice,	3	00	
Peter L. Chase, 1 cow for town farm,	65	00	
T. P. Burt, town clerk,	23	37	
Collector's Bill,	50	00	
Treasurer's Bill,	55	60	
Discounts, Abatements and Sinkages.	398	88	
E. B. Babbitt, serving dog warrant and other			
business,	10	00	
Foundry Store,	2	75	
Expended for Incidentals.			663 50

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF BERKLEY.

Town House,	\$1,000 00	
Town Farm,	3,500 00	
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Valuation of stock, provisions, hay, f	arming	,
utensils &c. on town farm,	1,006 59	
Iron Safe for use of town,	75 00	
Book Case, " "	18 00	*
2 Fish Notes due June 1st, 1874,	82 00	
12 Oyster Notes due June 1, 1874, '75,'	76, '77,	
'78, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84 ar	nd'85, 13,860 00	
State Aid due from State,	157 50	
Cash in Treasury April 1,	116 96	
		15,316 05
		19,816 05

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Acocca Webster	note	dated	whin	1,	1001	, \$214.20	
Enoch Boyce,	46	4.6	44	44		142 77	
							357 03

T. PRESTON BURT,

Treasurer of Berkley.



SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting to the town our School Report, we desire at this time to express our hearty appreciation for the interest our citizens have so generally taken in our school To our mind it is an omen pregnant with greatest good to all our school enterprises, when parents and guardians, by their presence, sympathy and co-operation, help in any degree our educational interests. This is as it should be. The schools are ours; we create and support them for our children. No effort, however small, made for the better advancement of our school interests, is ever lost. The undulating wave is felt beyond the limit of our own fireside; yea, is immeasurable in its results. "Scratch the green rind of a sapling, or wantonly twist it in the soil, the scarred and twisted oak will tell of thee for centuries to come."

The question of larger school privileges has frequently occupied the minds of your committee. As a town we are confident that we are able to give our children the same number of months schooling that other towns give theirs. Now while to some the shortness of our terms may seem a matter of surprise, yet a glance at our tabular report, we think, will show that in proportion to the number of children between the ages of 5 and 15, we do much better in

the real matter of education than those towns who have longer school terms. Yet this should by no means slacken our interest in this direction, or cause any more apathy than is now felt concerning it. Your committee are satisfied that there should be a larger appropriation of the town funds for the lengthening of our school terms.

It gives us satisfaction to state that no serious revolt has occurred in any of our schools during the past year. We have not been harrassed with meeting after meeting to settle any point in reference to discipline. Our teachers generally have maintained that decorum suited to the position they fill and the place where they exercise their authority. Government without imperiousness or harshness has been the rule, and the result has been a mutual confidence has been established between teachers and scholars.

We here notice with honest pride the fact that there has been marked improvement in the matter of school edifices. One commodious school house has been completed during the past year and another is on the tapis. These are items of interest to us. As a town we have but few natural advantages that would induce the stranger to come and settle in our midst; but may we not, by artificial means, make our usually quiet community attractive? How better than by the erection of comfortable and attractive school houses? We trust the day is not far distant when there will be still further improvement in this direction, either re-modelling of some of our poorer buildings or in the erection of new ones.

It will be noticed that while the statute provides that children over 5 and under 15 years of age should attend school a given number of months each year, during the past year children have attended school very regularly who were not 5 years of age. We hope they were not sent merely because they were troublesome at home. Your

committee are not disposed to find fault with this arrangement, provided the teachers have ample time to attend to those who have legitimate claims upon them.

We have not deemed it advisable to make any change in our text books, though frequently importuned to do so by agents who believe in perseverance as the royal road to success. The offers for exchange seem fair at the outset, but would be a burden to many. We therefore have preferred to continue without any change in this direction, though some may deem us old fogyish. We are content as long as our text books have in them all that the teacher and scholar demands; to let these persistent agents ply their vocation where school committees have more time and money.

And now as we review the scholastic year, we are gratified with every improvement, and take this method of complimenting our teachers for the success they have met with, success which has been well earned, and in retiring from the chairmanship of the committee we return our thanks for the general courtesy we have received from each and all while in the discharge of our official duties.

We append the usual tabular statement, which we commend to the investigation of all our citizens.

HERBERT A. DEAN, School Committee CALVIN T. CRANE, BENJ. F. CHASE, Berkley.

TABLE OF SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1873-4.

Schools.		Names of Teachers.	School. 3	Length of E	Whole No.	Average. Summer	Whole No.	Average. Winter	of age. S.	Under W.		Over W.	ı's	Wages of W.
No. 1	S.	Virginia V. Cudworth			23	16			1				\$24	
"	S.	Ella J. Reed,	24		24	16	-		3		1	_	28	
"	W.	J. Wm. Fairley,		$3\frac{1}{4}$			25	17	i			2		\$32
No. 2	S.	Lizzie A. Dean,	4		25	19					1		28	00
	W.	Annie E. Carpenter,		3	0.7	00	23	18				4	00.05	_ 28
No. 3	S.	Delia T. Standish,	4	0.1	31	20	0.7	00	3		4	6	26.25	
	W.			34		10	31	23			Ì		00	32
No. 4	S.	Myra C. Whitaker,	4	0.1	18	13	00	10				,	28	32
	W.	J. Wm. Fairley,	0.1	34	8	6	22	13	1			4	28	02
No. 5	S. W.	Ella J. Reed, Nellie R. Strange,	21		0	0	15	13				5	28	32
No. 6	S.	Neme K. Strange,	4	4	17	15	10	10			1	0	28	02
NO. 0	W.	Hattie E. French,	1	31	17	10	18	13		1			20	28

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OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Town of Berkley,

1874-5

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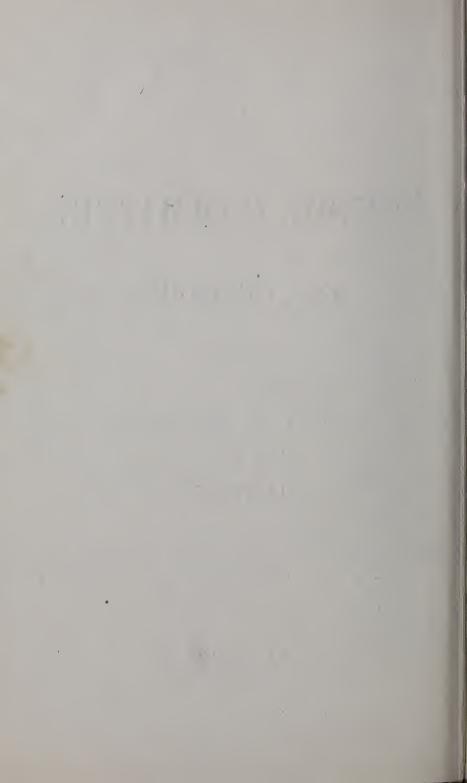
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1875.



Treasurer's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1st, 1875.

RECEIPTS.

Coch in Trescury April 1st 1974	\$116.96
Cash in Treasury, April 1st, 1874,	
Mrs. Dillingham's board,	78.00
B. C. Savings Bank,	350.00
Samuel Hathaway,	24.00
Two Fish Notes,	82.00
One Oyster Note,	400.00
B. C. Savings Bank,	1,200.00
National Bank Tax,	274.19
State Paupers,	6.71
Corporation Tax,	36.03
State Aid,	126.00
State School Fund,	203.70
County Dog Fund,	99.92
State, County and Town Tax,	4032.84
City of Fall River,	116.00
Old School-houses,	56.50
Interest added to Taxes,	5.00

\$7,207.85

EXPENDITURES.

State and County Taxes,	\$1 ,006.30	
Selectmen,	124.21	
Assessors,	91.50	
School Committee,	59.00	
State Aid.	90.00	
Poor, out of Almshouse.	205.53	
Public Schools,	1,148.50	
New School-house,	1,267.96	
Repairs of Highways and Bridges,	1,130.83	
Expended on Town Farm,	471.82	
Incidentals,	1,213.88	
Bridge School-house of '73,	387.31	
		7,196 84
Cash in Treasury, April 8th,		11.00
	,	\$7,207.85
		p1,401.00

Expenditures in Detail.

State Tax,	\$540.00
County Tax,	466.30
	\$1006.30

SELECTMEN.

Hercules Dean, (1873)	\$16.55
James Maguire,	28.06
John A. Reed,	27.00
Hercules Dean,	52.60

\$124.21

ASSESSORS.

Walter D. Nichols,	\$36.50	
George P. Strange,	27.00	
John A. Read,	28.00	
Expended for Assessors,	7	\$91.50
SCHOOL COM	MITTEE.	
Calvin T. Crane,	\$1 2.00	
Herbert A. Dean,	35.00	
Benj. F. Chase,	12.00	
Expended for Committee,		\$59.00
STATE A	ID.	
T. P. Burt, (6 months,)	\$36.00	
Lewis Green, (12 months,)	36.00	
Bildad Williams, (12 months,)	18.00	
Expended for State Aid.		\$90.00

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Appropriation of the Town,	\$1,20 0	
State School Fund,	203.70	
County Dog Fund,	99.92	
Total for Schools	*1.503	62

EXPENDED FOR TEACHERS.

\$133.00
104.00
170.00
170.00

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Delia T. Standish,	Links hear	98.00	
Nellie R. Strange,		98.00	
Abbie H. Harris,		56.00	
Josephine G. Thaxter,		72.00	"
Charles F. Cole,		56.35	
Expended for Teachers,			\$957.35

COST OF NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

M. H. Hackett, labor and materials, \$1,0	25.00
H. W. Clark, labor,	26.75
N. H. Strange, labor,	10.00
B. Thrasher, labor,	25.00
W. O. Haskell & Son, furniture,	96.75
Jerome Babbitt, stove and pipe,	24.96
S. A. Pierce,	4.00
Salmon Washburn,	6.50
A. K. & G. E. Williams,	6.00
David Strange,	40.00
G. W. Hall, surveying and making plan of lot,	3.00

\$1,267.96

- second a main ra BILLS OF '73 PAID ON BRIDGE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Recording Deed,	\$00.60	
J. L. Hammet, furniture,	127.35	
Staples & Phillips, lime,	30.55	
A. K. Williams & Co.,	228.81	
,		\$387.51

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Herbert A. Dean,	\$5.00	
John A. Read,	12.50	
		\$17.50

FUEL AND INCIDENTALS.

Otis E. Read, drawing wood and building,	
fires, (1873,)	\$4.25
Ellen Huckins, building fires,	3.25
Wm. Seymour splitting wood,	1.25
J. H. Church & Co., coal,	18.50
Staples & Phillips, coal,	9.77
Annie Richmond, attending school,	1.45
Emma Strange in District 1,	.90
Frank Terry in District 6,	.95
Albert Strange in District 6,	.95
Benj. F. Chase, wood, and stove pipe,	15.88
N. G. Townsend, wood,	27.00
Noah Strange, wood,	39.50
C. B. Hathaway,	2.50
B. & 11. Macomber, sawing wood,	17.00
Wm. Belcher, sawing wood,	3.00
Jerome Babbitt, stove, District No. 1,	13.00
A. N. Pierce, building fires,	3.00
E. F. French, ""	5.50
G. R. French, ""	6.00

\$173.65

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EXPENSES ON TOWN FARM.

N. O. Walker, wagon,	\$40.00
S. F. Staples, repairs on wagon,	8.75
Job C. Clark, repairs on wagon,	8.46
P. L. Chase, cow and calf,	65.00
Cyrus Leonard, mowing machine,	85.00
H. M. Simmons, lumber,	100.18
George W. Westgate, labor on wall,	12.00
Stanley & Cunningham, windows and frames,	37.18
W. H. Clark, labor on house,	62.00
B. L. Burt & Co., nails,	7.80

H. L. Davis & Co., paint &c W. L. Newcomb & Co., mouldings,	41.31 4.14	
Expended on Town Farm,		\$471.82
POOR OUT OF ALMSHOU	USE.	
Baker & Evans, supplies to A. Shepard,	\$6.71	
City of Taunton, supplies to S. D. Briggs,	2.00	
" " Mary French,	10.00	
A. Shepard, sawing wood for M. Newhall,	3.00	
C. P. Knapp, " " "	8.28	
B. L. Burt & Co., supplies to "	14.38	
" C. B. Hathawa	y, 71.00	
H. A. Dean, house rent, "	45.00	
B. L. Burt & Co., supplies to Dyer Paull.	12.86	
Baker & Evans. " "	13.90	
W. L. White & Co., " " "	5.52	
D. H. Cahoon, " "	1.38	
H. A. Dean, house rent, " "	9.50	
Dr. Hathaway, medical attendance on C. B.		
Hathaway,	2.00	\$205.53
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INCIDENTALS.		
E. B. Babbitt. expenses to Tewksbury,	\$18.70	
Town of Middleboro' care of fish,	20.00	
B. C. Bank. note and interest.	363.12	
C. E. Monroe, blank book,	3.85	
H. Dean, care of Town Hall, (1873,)	5.56	
B. C. Bank, interest one year on \$1,200,	90.00	
S. O. Dunbar, tax book.	2.50	
E. Davol, printing report, (1873,)	26.00	
Reed Brothers, printing posters.	5.25	
Wm: Babbitt, attending bridge case,	16.14	
Geo. Marston, counsel on bridge case.	78.00	

Mrs. Burt's tax abatement,	\$3.49
Cox & Wardell, stove pipe for Town Hall,	8.64
J. W. Carpenter, cleaning pipe in No. 2,	1.00
Dr. Hathaway, medical attendance,	8.60
H. Bullock, guide boards,	25.00
Reed Brothers, printing voting list,	3.00
W. H. Fox, counsel,	31.00
E. B. Babbitt, serving dog warrant, &c.	10.00
Discounts, Abatements and Sinkages,	370.55
Collector's Bill,	50.00
J. A. Read, care of Town Hall,	5.50
Treasurer's Commission,	66.98
Deed for Old School-house at Bridge,	1.00
	\$1,213.88

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Albert Burt,	#17.00
E. Wilbur,	7.00
D. Paull,	3.60
H. Dean,	1.16
J. Cummings,	.16
J. Hathaway,	4.12
D. Sanford,	.16
C. P. Knapp,	141.80
D. Caswell,	11.10
Wm. Seymour,	7.00
Otis Haskell,	21.00
C. French,	16.20
David Strange,	9.90
T. Seekell,	39.43
J. T. Townsend,	46.60
Silas Noreutt	13.00
N. H. Strange.	37.70
J. F. Richmond,	4.80
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Thomas Terry,		7.00
H. W. Clark,		6.80
N. G. Bowen,		33.80
Alvin Briggs,		27 00
Wm. Macomber,		5.50
Samuel Norcutt,		3.00
T. T. Burt,		16.00
W. K. Evans.		46.56
B. Norcutt,		13.00
S. Phillips,		5.00
J. Puffer,		3.50
G. Westgate,		20.50
J. R. Elsbree,		5.00
R. H. Babbitt,		4.00
J. C. Crane.		4.40
A. Cummings,		14.00
J. W. Thrasher & Son,	8 2 - 10000 - 90	9.40
A. Babbitt,		8.00
G. L. Leach,		14.00
I. Babbitt,		8.00
W. H. S. Crane,		10.60
J. Read.		9.50
N. Hathaway,		10.00
F. Newhall,		17.00
H. A. Haines, .		1.00
Davis Allen,		6.20
W. H. S. Crane,		4.00
S. Covel,		2.00
J. II. Covel,		2.00
C. Haskins,		3.80
A. Cummings,		4.05
Israel Chace,		11.30
E. Briggs,		7.00
I. & G. Harmon,		13.68
J. B. & J. D. Dillingham,		18.53

Enoch Boyce,		9.00
E. Belcher,		3.30
E. Maguire,		2.00
S. Nichols,		5.70
T. F. Dean,		10.50
A. E. Dean,		12.80
E. Dean,		4.60
James Maguire,		13.80
P. L. Chace,		12.80
John Boyce,		11.00
J. Pierce,		3.00
J. H. Macomber,		5.80
Aleck Gray,	WET IN DESIGNATION	1.00
B. F. Chace,		2.80
B. Luther,		3.20
F. Luther,		3.00
J. Grinnell,		5.00
J. T. Dean,		1.50
B. F. Coombs,		6.00
C. A. Davis,		5.50
T. J. Tew.		1.36
D. Phillips,		2.70
E. Terry,		6.00
Otis Haskell,		18.09
J. Staples,		7.50
C. O. Thrasher,		10.05
Apollos Seekell,		8.00
W. K. Evans,		1.00
J. H. Covel,		2.00
B. H. Thrasher,		30.00
D. Webster,		2.00
Hercules Dean,		22.02
George Strange,		4.80
Alfred Pierce,		4.00
P. L. Chase,		3.40

T. F. Dean,	2.90	
A. E. Dean,	2.70	
B. H. Thrasher,	15.00	
S. Huckins,	7.00	
F. Newhall and others	6.00	
		\$1,049.85
ATTENDING BRIDG	ЭE.	
J. C. Standish,	\$67.50	
Thomas D. Standish,	33.75	
Thomas D. Standish,	99.19	\$101.25
Expended on highways and bridges,		\$1,130.73
Property belonging to the To	own of B	erkley.
Town House,	\$1,000.00	
Town Farm,	3,500.00	,
Valuation of stock, provisions, hay, farm-	,	
ing utensils, &c., on Town Farm,	1,054.40	
Iron safe for use of the town,	75.00	
Book Case,	18.00	
Two Fish Notes due June 1st, 1875,	143.00	
Eleven Oyster Notes, due June 1st, 1875 '76, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82		
'83, '84 and '85,	13,460.00	
State Aid due from State,	126.00	
Cash in Treasury, April 8th	11.01	
• / 1		\$19,387.41
Indebtedness of the	Town.	
B. C. Savings Bank Note,	\$1,200.00	
James Webster, note renewed April 1, '7	4, 350.85	
Interest on the same,	25.61	
Enoch Boyce, note renewed April 1st, '7	4, 233.79	
Interest on the same.	17.06	

JOΠN A. REED, Treasurer of Berkley.

\$1,827.31

SCHOOL REPORT

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OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY,

1874-5.

Fellow Citizens :-

In presenting to you their Report of the Schools for the year just closed, your Committee would congratulate you on the fact that your School-house No. 5, an elegant and convenient building, was completed in the Fall, and entered upon at the commencement of the Winter, and has, with other schools been run with success until the close of the year.

At the commencement of the year, owing to the large number of candidates for the effice of teacher, your Committee instituted a written competitive examination of all the candidates, including those who had previously been employed in the town as teachers; and they are happy to state that the mest successful competitors were our own teachers. These they of course employed, and others as they were needed throughout the year.

TEACHERS.

The teachers employed during the year have been the following: Mrs. Nellie R. Strange has taught No. 1 during the summer terms, and No. 5 during the winter. No. 2 has been taught during the year by Miss Annie E. Carpenter. No. 3 has had the services of Miss Delia T. Standish during the two summer terms, and seven weeks of the latter part of the winter term. Miss Josephine Thaxter taught No 3 during the first nine weeks of the winter term. No. 4 has been taught during the summer terms by Mrs. Sarah A. Balcom, and

by Miss Delia T. Standish during the first nine weeks of the winter term, and by Mr. Charles F. Cole, a graduate of Bridgewater Normal School, during the last seven weeks of the term. No. 5 has been taught during the winter by Mrs. Nellie R. Strange; and No. 6 has been taught by Miss Hattie E. French during the summer term; by Miss Abbie H. Harris during the fall term; by Mr. J. W. Fairley the first nine weeks of the winter, and by Miss Annie B. Wilbur during the remaining seven weeks.

Your Committee by no means approve of changing a teacher from one school to another in the same year, nor yet of the employment of new teachers at different times in the same year; but the course they have pursued has been a matter of necessity. One teacher they dismissed at the end of the fall term; another in the middle of the winter term, at her own request.

SCHOOL TIME.

Five of your schools have been in session during the year, seven months and a half, or thirty weeks in all. This time has been divided into the following terms: Short summer term of six weeks, commencing on the first Monday in May. Fall term of eight weeks, commencing on the first Monday in September; and a winter term of sixteen weeks, commencing on the first Monday after Thanksgiving. No. 5 has been run sixteen weeks in the Winter, and four scholars from that district were paid for at neighboring schools during the Summer. These of course must be deducted from the number attending No. 5 school, as they are accounted for elsewhere.

WHOLE NUMBER FOROLLED

The whole number in our town, of school age, is one hundred and twenty. The whole number enrolled as scholars for the year, has been one hundred and nineteen. Of these twenty-two are over fifteen, and four under five. These deducted from one hundred and nineteen, leaves the whole number of enrolled scholars of school age, ninety-three; showing that there are in the town twenty-seven children, or nearly twenty-three per cent.

of the whole number whose school education is being neglected. Three of these have been at school in another town, which makes the percentage of neglectors a little less, a little over twenty-two.

The following table prepared with more or less accuracy, will show the whole number of scholars enrolled, with the average attendance at each school, and the per cent of attendance, together with the cost of each scholar:

No. of School.	Whole No. Enrolled.	Average Attendence.	Per Cent. of Attendence.	Cost per Scholar,
No. 1 No. 2 No. 3 No. 4 No. 5 No. 6	24 26 27 21 9	21 22 22 17 7 9	87½ 85 81 81 78 75	\$11 80½ 11 27 11 27 14 58 21 40 27 55
	119	98	8114	\$16 31 3

If the whole number of scholars enrolled had attended every day, the cost for each scholar per day would have been about 7.3-4 cents. But 3150 days were lost through absence, which makes the cost of each scholar, a little over nine cents per day; so that through absence, whether through wilfulness or necessity, \$383.50 were thrown away, or more than would have run another school thougout the whole year. But something besides money was lost to the town.

Supposing each child in the school gets one new idea in the day, there is a loss to the town of 3150 ideas. Let the money go! But the ideas—can the community afford to lose them?

In putting the matter in this way, your Committee think they make a stronger appeal to parents, children and teachers, than all the moralizing found in all the school reports of the state. Let our teachers aim at. at the very least, one new idea

in the day, and let parents aim at the same thing, and we may then look for a generation of men and women of thought and not of parrots.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL FAIRLEY, HERBERT N. DEAN, BENJAMIN F. CHASE,

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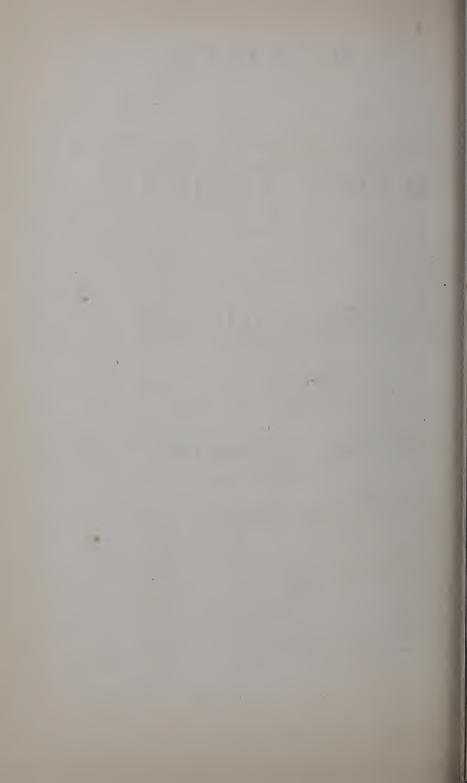
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Report of the Treasurer of the Town of Berkley for the Year ending April 1st, 1876.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury April 1st, 1875,	\$11 01
State, County and Town taxes,	4370 46
B. C. Savings Bank note,	700 00
C. L. Lovering, "	500 00
1 Oyster note,	400 00
2 Fish "	143 00
State Treasurer for State aid,	126 00
" Nat. Bank tax,	210 48
" Corporation tax,	14 32
" " State paupers,	2 40
" School fund,	224 06
County " Dog fund,	106 19
City of Fall River on account C. B. Hatha	ıway
and family,	88 00
• *	\$6,895 92

EXPENDITURES.

State and County taxes,	1015 35	
Highways and bridges,	1220 80	
Notes and interest,	813 25	
Public schools,	1916 11	
Repairs of school houses,	$166 \ 53$	
Support of poor out of almshouse,	197 48	
Clearing snow from highways,	160 45	
State aid,	172 50	
Selectmen,	81 00	
Assessors,	72 00	
School Committee,	77 00	
Incidentals, discounts and abatements,	1003 45	
		\$6895[92

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

MATIMOTIONES IN DEL	27.111.	
State tax,		\$540 00
County tax,		475 35
NOTES AND INTEREST.		
B. C. Savings Bank note,	\$700 00	
" interest,	113 25	
Expended for notes and interest,		\$ 813 25
SELECTMEN.		
William Babbitt,	56 75	
Peter L. Chase,	10 50	
Isaac Babbitt,	13 75	
Expended for Selectmen,		81 00
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.		
Samuel Fairley,	50 00	
Benj. F. Chase,	15 00	
H. A. Dean,	12 00	
Expended for School Committee,		77 00
ASSESSORS.		
Thomas C. Dean,	24 00	
Enoch Boyce,	24 00	
Noah H. Strange,	24 00	
Expended for Assessors,		72 00
STATE AID.		
T. P. Burt, 18 months,	108 00	
Lewis Green, 15 "	45 00	
Bildad Williams, 13 "	19 50	
Expended for State Aid,		172 50
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.		
	1 4 7 6 7 6	
Balance of previous appropriations unexpende		
Town appropriations for 1875,	1200 00	
State School fund,	224 06	
County dog fund,	. 106 19	
Total for schools,		\$2065 56
EXPENDED FOR TEACHERS		
Nellie R. Strange, 1874,	128 00	
Delia T. Standish, "	128 00	
Dena I. Statiuish,	120 00	

Annie E. Carpenter, 1874, A. B. Wilbur Sarah A. Balcom, Walter D. Nichols, Nellie R. Strange, Frank Copeland, A. B. Wilbur, Annie E. Carpenter, Delia T. Standish, Sarah A. Balcom, Susan E. Babbitt,	56 00 56 00 56 00 113 75 216 00 216 00 216 00 216 00 96 00 48 00	
Expended for Teachers,		\$ 1713 75
FUEL AND INCIDENTALS.		
Frank Nichols, building fires,	3 25	
Everett Pierce, " "	5 10	
Frank Copeland, pail and chalk.	1 28	-47
W. D. Hathaway, building fires and getting in		
wood,	5 50	
S. Knapp, for wood,	4 25	
T. L. & J. H. Church, "1874,"	20 73	
	26 00	
C. O. Thrasher, sawing wood,	$\begin{array}{c} 2\ 50 \\ 8\ 25 \end{array}$	
Thomas F. Dean, for wood,	30 00	
Gideon H. Babbatt, for wood, G. W. Caswell, building fires,	4 00	
Wm. G. Hathaway, rebinding dictionary,	3 50	
C. P. Knapp, for wood,	5 00	
Annie E. Carpenter, dipper and school crayons,	45	
S. Knapp, for wood,	16 50	
H. A. Dean, for wood and sundries,	8 75	
Noah H. Strange, for wood and cutting,	23 50	
Nellie R. Strange, chalk and dipper,	35	
Frank Copeland, for broom,	45	
B. & H. F. Macomber, sawing wood,	17 00	
Geo. K. Paull, sawing wood,	3 00	
Lewis D. Terry, building fires, 1874,	4 00	
B. F. Coombs, "	4 00	
Fred'k Macomber, building fires and getting in	.	
wood,	5 00	
Expended for Fuel and Incidentals,		202 36
Total expended for Teachers and Incidentals,		1,916 11
Balance unexpended,		149 45
zamanov unonponava,		110 10

REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Thomas G. Chase, houses No. 1, 2 and 4,	152 00
John A. Reed,	9 53
N. G. Case,	5 00

Expended for Repairs,

166 53

CLEARING SNOW FROM HIGHWAYS.

Noah H. Strange,	1 80
John F. Richmond,	2 00
Henry W. Clark,	3 60
Rollin H. Babbitt,	2 40
Adoniram Babbitt,	1 60
Horace Babbitt,	95
Cyrus Hathaway,	1 40
Francis Newhall,	1 40
Isaac Babbitt,	1 30
John C. Crane,	1 20
Giles L. Leach,	2 40
William W. French,	80
Simeon Briggs Jr.,	60
Alexander E. Burt,	60
Samuel Covel,	45
James H. Covel,	90
Henry Haines,	80
Charles O. Thrasher,	1 20
W. H. S. Crane and George Roberts,	3 70
Adoniram Cummings,	70
B. H. Thrasher,	2 00
Enoch Macomber and others,	35 60
Joseph T. Cummings,	4 50
Sumner Knapp,	11 80
Stephen A. Burt,	1 30
Elijah Wilbur,	2 00
Lewis Green,	2 80
Nathan G. Case,	1 90
Amos H. Allen,	60
Green,	45
Seth Briggs,	1 60
George Paull,	30
Willard Hathaway,	45
Henry Hathaway,	2 20
David Hoxie,	60
Jethro Ashley,	60

J. Q. Dillingham and others,	38 75	
H. P. French,	3 20	
William Caswell,	2 40	
Thomas H. Seekell,	3 60	
Charles Phillips,	1 20	
John T. Townsend,	10 20	
Cassius E. Viall,	1 00	
Daniel Caswell,	80	
Arthur Jones,	80	
Expended for Clearing Snow,		\$160 45

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation by the town,	\$1200 00
Additional appropriations,	20 80
	
Total,	1,220 80
Allen Gray, for labor,	3 80
Peter L. Chase, "	17 25
Benj. F. Chase, "	6 00
Jeremiah Pierce, "	3 60
Enoch Boyce, "	12 00
John Boyce, "	8 00
Obediah Lawton, "	5 00
George Boyce, "	1 00
Elisha Belcher, "	3 00
Peter L. Hathaway est., labor,	6 25
John Macomber, labor,	5 00
Ebenezer Dean, "	4 00
Albert Dean, "	4 00
Thomas F. Dean, "	7 60
Calvin Belcher, "	1 00
W. D. Nichols, "	13 50
J. T. Dean, "	4 35
B. F. Coombs, "	10 40
Benj. Luther, "	6 60
James Maguire, "	6 40
Darius Phillips, "	6 00
Frank Luther, "	8 00
T. J. Tew, "	6 00
John Grinnell, "	5 00
Charles Davis, "	7 75
E. D. Dillingham, gravel,	11 00
J. Q. Dillingham, labor,	2 50

John F. Richmond, labor,		3 00
Evander L. Strange, "		3 60
Thomas B. Dean, "		16 00
Enoch Macomber, "		62 78
Wm. Macomber, "		19 72
Barnard Norcutt, "		9 10
Frederick Macomber "		4 00
George Westgate, "		2 40
Alvin Briggs, "		8 70
James Macomber, "		3 00
Thomas T. Burt, "		5 40
George Macomber, "		1 00
Frank Puffer, "		2 60
Shepard Phillips, "		6 60
H. A. Dean,		20 18
Henry Westgate, "		3 00
Fremont Babbitt, "		1 00
N. G. T. Bowen, "		14 60
Silas Norcutt, "		7 80
Sumner Knapp, "		4 75
Samuel Norcutt, "		3 00
Miles S. Dean, "		4 00
King Evans, gravel,		52
Thomas C. Dean, "		1 00
Cyrus Haskins, labor,		24 00
Alfred Pierce, "		8 00
Albert W. Allen, "		7 70
John F. Richmond, "		2 25
Evander L. Strange, "		3 60
Apollos Webster, "		19 00
A. H. Strange, "		11 80
David T. Strange, "		8 00
Christopher P. French,		17 00
John T. Townsend, "		54 00
N. G. Townsend, "		41 50
Isaac Seymour, "		12 00
William Caswell, "		4 00
Horace Green, "	*	4 00
Cassius E. Viall, "		3 20
Israel Chase,		6 36
B. F. Cheeney, "		3 80
Joseph Staples, "		6 60
Job Hamer, "		4 00
Eben Dean, gravel,		2 28
Jason Cummings, "		96
Wm. H. Evans, labor,		2 28

Joseph T. Cummings labor,	63 90
Sumner Knapp, "	29 10
Bildad Williams, "	4 80
Albert Burt, "	8 00
Henry Hathaway, "	5 00
Stephen B. Allen, "	15 30
David Hoxie, "	9 40
Austin J. Roberts, "	4 00
Elijah Wilbur, "	6 00
Thomas Burt, "	9 00
Martin Alden, "	8 00
~ ~ ~ ~	3 00
Ivalian O. Case,	
Benj. Laun,	6 00
. graver,	50
Daniel Crane, labor,	7 80
D. S. Briggs,	7 85
John A. Reed, "	6 00
Hercules Dean, "	2 36
Rollin H. Babbitt, "	20 20
Isaac Babbitt, "	11 60
John D. Babbitt, "	7 60
Adoniram Babbitt, "	11 60
Edward Babbitt, "	9 60
Adoniram Cummings "	9 60
Joseph Cummings, "	5 00
Francis Newhall, "	7 60
John C. Crane, "	4 80
" gravel,	3 50
Samuel Covel, labor,	12 80
Nathaniel Hathaway "	4 60
Giles L. Leach, "	14 60
Wm. W. French, "	3 60
will. w. Fieldi,	1 00
Stone,	5 60
Simeon Briggs, labor,	
Damuel Cuaworth,	4 00
Jonathan W. Thrasher, labor.	4 00
George Crane, labor,	3 80
ooseph Ensuree,	5 40
Cyrus Hathaway, "	8 00
Arthur Jones, "	2 00
Chas. O. Thrasher, "	1 80
Wm. H. S. Crane, "	12 70
Alvin Briggs, "	1 20
Clarence Dean, "	1 20
Walter Phillips, "	1 20
Fremont Babbitt, "	1 20
2	

William Babbitt, "	3 60
gravel,	1 75
John F. Richmond, labor,	2 75
J. D. Dillingham, "	19 00
Rollin H. Babbitt, "	6 40
Adoniram Cummings "	2 00
Francis Fewhall, "	1 60
Joseph T. Cummings "	26 80
Hercules Dean, gravel,	2 32
B. H. Thrasher, labor,	9 00
W. F. Babbitt and Frank Puffer,	7 20
E. D. Briggs, labor,	20 00
Edward Westgate, "	7 30
Henry W. Clark, "	$22\ 25$
John Harmond, "	6 00
Edward Terry, "	4 00
Thomas H. Seekel, "	12 00
Charles Staples, "	3 90
Philip H. Fletcher, gravel,	3 44
Thomas Terry, labor,	15 40
Philip H. Fletcher, "	36 00
David T. Strange, "	2 00
Frank Puffer, "	1 20

Total for Repairs on Highways and Bridges,

\$1,220 80

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

City of Boston, aid to Chris'r Hammon and fam'y B. L. Burt & Co., groceries to C. B. Hathaway	\$30 10
and family,	110 00
C. O. Thrasher, sawing wood for M. Newhall,	50
B. L. Burt & Co., groceries, "" "	14 38
H. A. Dean, house rent, C. B. Hathaway and	
family,	$12\ 50$
City of Taunton, aid to S. D. Briggs,	15 00
B. L. Burt & Co., groceries to John E. Adams,	3 00
G. H. Babbitt, wood for M. Newhall,	5 00
City of Taunton, aid to J. E. Adams,	3 00
" S. D. Briggs.	4 00

Expended for aid out of Almshouse,

\$197 48

INCIDENTALS.

William Babbitt, for cash paid out,	18 16	3
T. P. Burt, Town Clerk, 1874-5,	43 60)
B. H. Thrasher, half expense of boundary stone		
between Taunton and Berkley,	3 50)
Gazette Office, printing Town Reports,	22 00)
Calvin Belcher, balance due in settlement of		
Town Farm account of 1874,	78 18	5
J. C. Standish, tending draw of B. & D. bridge,	,	
9 months,	90 00)
Town of Middleboro, care of fish at E. Taunton	, 20 0)
J. P. Peabody, zinc and tacks,	1 6	5
Thomas C. Dean, cash paid for sundries,	78	3
H. Bullock, for guide boards,	9 00)
John A. Reed, guide board posts and setting,	5 50)
S. B. Allen, sundries,	18 28	5
Enoch Boyce, "	1 28	5
G. H. Lincoln, wagon for Town Farm,	75 00)
State Treasurer, overpayment of Nat. Bank tax	,	
1874,	73 60)
W. H. S. Crane, sundries,	11 5	0
Collector's commissions,	50 00)
Treasurer's "	36 83	L
Discounts on taxes for early payment,	397 00)
Sinkages and abatements,	47 70)
		- 1
Expended for incidentals and discounts,		\$1003 45

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF BERKLEY.

Town House,	1000 00
Town Farm,	3500 00
School Houses,	4000 00
Valuation of stock, provisions, hay, farming	ng
utensils, &c., on Town Farm,	1057 64
Iron safe for use of the town,	75 00
Book cases,	18 00
Two fish notes due June 1st, 1876,	200 00
Ten oyster notes due June 1st, 1876, '77,	[,] 78,
'79, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85,	13060 00
State aid due from State,	157 50

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

B. C. Savings Bank, note,	1200 00
James Webster, note dated April 1st, 1874,	350 85
Enoch Boyce, "" "" ""	233 79
C. L. Lovering, " Dec. 22, 1875,	560 00
Interest on above notes to April 1st, 1876,	94 49

\$2379 13

SCHOOL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Berkley.

Fellow Citizens,—Our schools have been in session during the year 1875-6, thirty-one weeks in all; sixteen weeks during the summer and fifteen during the winter. Each school has had the same length of time, and each one has had the same amount of money paid to its teacher. This seems to the Committee to be hardly the right thing, but they do not see how it can be otherwise. The number of our schools is so many in proportion to the aggregate number of scholars, that the wages paid to each teacher is necessarily so small, that the Committee cannot hire competent teachers for any less money than that paid to the teachers of our largest schools. But it does not seem fair that the teacher of a school with an average attendance for the year, of seven scholars, should be paid as much as the teacher of a school with four times that number in average attendance. We do not complain of this, for we are glad to see that Berkley is not behind many of her neighboring towns in the aggregate amount which she raises for schools, annually, according to her population. The difficulty lies in the overstocking of the town with schools out of all proportion to the number of scholars.

The number of children in the town between the ages of five and fifteen, according to the returns of the Assessors

in May last, was 145. The whole number in actual attendance during the year, as shown by the school registers has been 122. Of this number seventeen are over fifteen years of age, and seven under the age of five. These deducted from the one hundred and twenty-two registered scholars, leaves ninety-eight of the regular school age in actual attendance. This number, according to the Assessors' returns, leaves forty-seven of school age who are receiving no public education. From this number four must be deducted who are attending schools in Taunton, which will reduce the number of neglectors to forty-three. But still this number is alarmingly large, being nearly onethird of the entire school pupulation. We shall return to this afterwards, and endeavor to point out some of the probable causes that may account for such a sad state of things.

The following detailed account may not be uninteresting to some of the readers of this report:

SCHOOL No. 1.

Scholars registered during the Summer Term 29, average attendance 25; Fall Term 20, average attendance 16. Whole average for the summer, $24\frac{1}{2}$; whole average attendance for the summer, $21\frac{1}{2}$. Winter Term 18, average attendance 15; whole average for the year $22\frac{1}{2}$, average attendance for the year 19.

SCHOOL No. 2.

Whole number Summer Term 31, average attendance 23; Fall Term 23, average attendance 19. Whole average for the summer 27; whole average attendance 21. Winter Term registered 23, average attendance 20; whole average for the year 26; whole average attendance for the year 21.

School No. 3.

Whole number Summer Term 24, average attendance $21\frac{1}{2}$; Fall Term 27, average attendance 23; whole average number during the summer 26, average attendance in the summer 21. Winter Term 33, average attendance 27; whole number for the year 28, average attendance 24.

School No. 4.

Registered Summer Term 17, average attendance 16; Fall Term 18, average attendance 17; average registered Summer 17½, average attendance 16½. Winter Term 27, average attendance 20; whole average for the year 21, average attendance for the year 18.

SCHOOL No. 5.

Summer Term registers 9, average attendance 6; Fall Term 9, average attendance $5\frac{1}{2}$; whole number during the summer 9, whole average attendance $5\frac{1}{2}$. Winter term registered 11, average attendance 7; whole average for the year 10, average attendance 6.

SCHOOL No. 6.

Summer Term 12, average attendance 8; Fall term 12, average attendance 9. Whole number in summer 12, average attendance $8\frac{1}{2}$. Winter Term 16, average attendance $12\frac{1}{2}$; whole average for the year $13\frac{1}{2}$, whole average of attendance 10.

The following brief abstract will bring the above under the eye at once: Number registered in all the schools during the summer 116, average attendance 93½; number registered during the winter 128, average attendance 101; registered for the year 122, average attendance for the year 98. Number of scholars over 15 years of age 17, under 5 years 7; total not of school age 24.

When we vote money in town meeting for the support of our schools, few have any idea of the relative amount of tax each is called upon to pay for so small results in the aggregate. It will hardly come into the mind of the honest tax-payer that he contributes more than three times the amount for the education of each child, in the town of Berkley, than is contributed in the city of Boston. That city, according to a statement a few days ago in the New York Tribune, pays for the education of each child, \$4.30. We have expended during the past year the sum of \$1468.63. This includes the salary of teachers, and the incidentals necessary for the keeping of the schools in running order, and makes the cost per scholar, \$14.98½. The following tabular statement shows the cost per scholar in each one of the schools:

No.	1	cost	per	scholar,	\$12.88	No.	4	cost	per	scholar,	\$13.60
66	2	66	-66	66	11.65	66	5	°66	66	66	$40.76\frac{1}{2}$
				"	10.20					46	$24.47\frac{1}{2}$

School houses have been built within the last three years, in No. 3 and No. 5, at a cost respectively, in round numbers of \$2400 and \$1200. Reckoning the interest on this money at 7 per cent., and adding it to the yearly expense of the schools, it raises the cost of each scholar in No. 3 from \$10.20 to \$17.20, and in No. 5 from \$40.76 to \$54.76.

Few towns in the State pay so much per capita for their scholars. And yet the Committee find the greatest difficulty in securing efficient teachers, because of the small compensation they have to offer them.

Now what is the remedy for this? Concentration, fewer schools, and graded schools, shorter time if need be and a

better article. No one thinks of asking a youth or a man, "How long have you been at school?" but "How much do you know?" Berkley has got the stuff out of which to produce splendid scholars. Only the opportunity and the stimulus are wanted. Why should she not celebrate the centennial year of the existence of the Republic by making a grand move in this direction? As they are now, our schools are growing smaller and smaller every year; something must be done if we would not lose an honorable prestige of being an educated people. By carrying it to the very door of each child, we have made education so cheap it is not appreciated. What can be had at any time is often the very thing most neglected. A school house at the very door is often the very poorest of blessings that a family can have, and for the reason that it is just at the door. Our best educated men and youths in America have toiled and are toiling now for their education. Give us graded schools and you introduce the element of friendly rivalry and competition among our children and youths at school. cares to be at the top of his or her class, when there are only two or three in the class? And how can you have more in a class than two or three, when the whole school does not number more than seven or eight, of all ages and sizes? It is not in human nature to be aroused to do one's best in such circumstances. You are cutting at the very root of the youthful aspirations of our children, you are injuring them for life by the continuance of little, separate school houses for all of all ages, from four to twenty years old, when the whole together are not morethan ten. "Well, my boy," said a Scotch father to his little boy, one day when he returned from school, "where are you in your class?" "Second dux, father, said the little fellow. the father, to show his appreciation of his child's smartness, gave him a shilling. But when he asked the boy how many there were in the class, he got for an answer, "None but a little lassie and myself," he found that it might have been as well to have kept his shilling in his pocket. As a general rule it will ever be found that the small, mixed school represses the energies, alike of teacher and scholars. How is it possible for any teacher, man or woman, to keep up for a whole term of forty or fifty days, the enthusiasm necessary to sustain the attention of a school, if there are only eight or ten scholars? The small, mixed school is ever the dull school. Not because the scholars are necessarily dull, and the teacher incompetent, but for lack of the enthusiasm and competition, which numbers inspire; and in almost all mixed schools this dullness grows upon the scholars, because there is no higher grade to which they may in time step up, and from which they may graduate.

One of our most experienced and efficient teachers writes the following on a blank page of the register:

"The school has been a pleasant one so far as the disposition of scholars to obey is concerned. It would, however, have been much pleasanter, and far more satisfactory every way, had there been a greater degree of application manifested by several of the scholars, who it would seem were old enough to understand measurably the advantage of knowledge and the pleasure of its acquisition."

This want of interest on the part of the scholars is seen to some extent by the number of tardy marks—those Ts that so much disfigure the record of attendance. The boy or girl who is often tardy is never far up in the class.

School No. 1, shows tardy marks during the year, 151; No. 2, 18; No. 3, 166; No. 4, 200; No. 5, 236; No. 6, 93.

We give below for their encouragement and to stimulate others to imitate them, the names of those who have been perfect in their attendance and almost perfect. Dist. No. 1. Florence G. Bissett, attendance perfect during the summer; no tardy marks. Robbie C. French and Cora Walker, attendance perfect during the winter; tardy marks none.

No. 2. Mary L. Smith, attendance perfect during the summer; 2 tardy marks. Lydia D. Chace, attendance perfect during the winter; no tardy marks.

No. 4. Ruth and Fanny Chace, during the summer, absent one day; no tardy marks.

We dwell with pride on the fact that Berkley raises so much money for her schools in proportion to the number of her children of school age. We are sorry that the results are so small. Why not use and furnish our Town House for a grammar school? There are fifty-five, or more than one-half of all our children at school over twelve years of age. Most of these could attend school on the Common without any physical injury. In cases of extreme distance parents might unite to carry those less able to walk in stormy weather, and we are persuaded they would gladly do so for the sake of the better education of their children.

For \$350 you could secure the services of a thoroughly qualified teacher for seven or eight months in the year. Let there be four primary schools in the most thickly settled districts, and these can be carried on at an annual expense of say \$500. Probably it might be found that only three primaries would be needed. Six years of age is early enough to go to a public school; and any child of six whose health justifies the parent in sending him to school, is capabale of walking at least one mile.

If this system were adopted, it could be carried on at less expense to the town, and would secure a far more efficient education for our children. Men with families and with money could be encouraged to come and settle in our pleasant town, and Berkley would become famed in the future, as she has been in the past, for the number of educated men that she would then send forth. We have the material.

Yours faithfully, the Committee.

SAMUEL FAIRLEY, Chairman. HERBERT A. DEAN, CALVIN THOS. CRANE.

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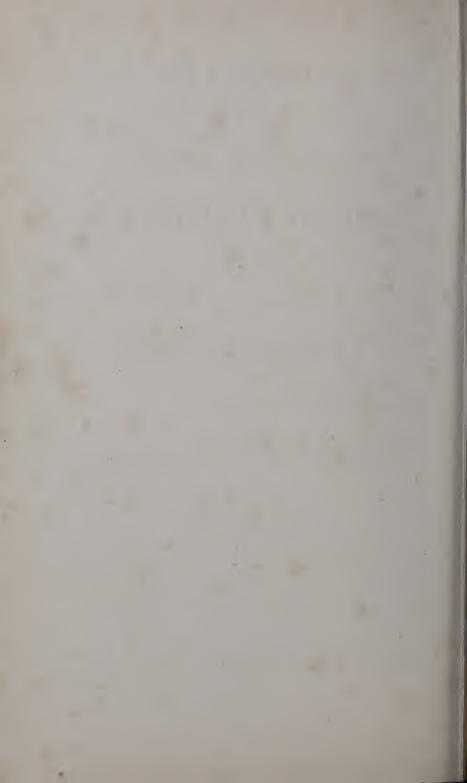
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Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

State, County and Town Taxes, \$2	,634	19		
	,000	00		
One Oyster Note,	,306	00		
Two Fish Notes,	200	00		
State Treasurer, for State Aid,	126	00		
	208	78		
	11	19		
" School Fund,	222	26		
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	92	48		
City of Fall River, on acct. C. B. Hathaway's				
family,	147	00		
Town of Middleboro, on acct. R. G. Robbins,	52	00		
" Raynham, " W. F. Field,	22	17		
			\$7,022	07

EXPENDITURES.

State and County Taxes,	\$618	56
Highways and Bridges,	889	09
Notes and Interest,	2,578	20
Public Schools,	1,337	51
Support of Poor out of Almshouse,	57 9	63
State Aid,	90	00
Selectmen,	79	00
School Committee,	50	25
Assessors,	91	34
Incidentals, Discounts and Abatements,	708	49
		- \$7,022 07

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

State Tax, County Tax,			\$324 294	
NOTI	ES AND INTEREST.			
Enoch Boyce, note and inte James Webster, "" B. C. Savings Bank, note, Machinists Nat'l Bank, into Chas. L. Lovering, note an B. C. Savings Bank, intere	erest on note,	\$282 25 423 46 1,200 00 100 83 529 66 42 00	2,578	20
	SELECTMEN.			
Peter L. Chase, Wm. Babbitt,		20 75 58 25	79	00
SCH	OOL COMMITTEE.	•		
H. A. Dean, 1875-6, Samuel Farley, 1875-6,		15 00 35 25	5 0	25
	ASSESSORS.			
S. S. Pierce, J. T. Townsend, G. L. Leach,		31 34 30 00 30 00	91	34
	STATE AID.			
T. P. Burt, 6 months, Lewis Green, 12 "Bildad Williams, 12 mos.,		36 00 36 00 18 00	90	00

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Dog Fund, School Fund, Town appropriation for 1876,	92 48 222 26 1,000 00	1,314 74
EXPENDED FOR TEACHER	S.	
Julia Burt, Annie Carpenter, Anna Wilbur, Hattie E. French, Annie Cummings, Carrie E. Cobb, J. H. Leonard,	244 00 182 00 181 50 189 00 175 60 42 00 168 00	1,182 10
FUEL AND INCIDENTALS	•	
Joseph Carter, splitting and getting in wood, Esther D. Dillingham, for wood, Bradford and H. Macomber, sawing wood, Henry A. Dickerman, maps, J. Macomber, broom, pail and dipper, F. Richmond, wood and cutting, S. Albert Burt, carrying scholars, J. T. Cummings, repairing stove, H. Dean, wood, Wm. Caswell, wood, Thomas Terry, Frank Terry, G. W. Caswell, Chas. E. Chase, Willard H. Hathaway, E. Pierce, E. Townsend, C. Coombs, F. Terry, F. Macomber, T. L. & J. H. Church,	4 37 9 00 12 25 10 00 1 22 15 62 15 75 95 27 00 4 50 3 25 4 00 3 75 7 00 5 25 3 50 3 50 4 50 13 00 155 41	
		1,337 51

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Labor.	, Allen Gray,	2	00
44	E. A. Gray,	1	50
5.6	Peter Chase,	6	82
66	Samuel Pierce,	1	50
4.4	J. Pieree,		75
6.6	George Boyce,	6	95
44	John Boyce,	5	90
"	Elisha Belcher,	1	50
66	Simeon Luther,	3	76
6.6	Albert E. Dean,	3	00
44	Thos. F. Dean,	4	50
"	J. Q. Dillingham,	14	00
"	J. D. Dillingham,	5	00
66	W. D. Nichols,	8	75
46	J. T. Dean,	1	50
66	Benj. Coombs,	6	00
66	O. Lawton,	1	50
66	S. Huckings,	1	50
66	Benjamin Luther,	4	50
66	James Maguire,	5	45
66	D. Phlllips,	3	95
46	Frank Luther,	6	00
66	Chas. Davis,	4	50
66	John Grinnell,	1	50
Labor	and gravel, J. Tew,	2	40
	, B. Chace,	1	48
66	E. D. Dillingham,	5	45
46	Henry W. Clark,	12	75
66	Thomas Terry,	13	38
44	Cyrus Haskins,	6	30
66	Davis Allen,	8	55
46	John F. Richmond,	9	40
46	Noah H. Strange,	9	75
46	David T. Strange,	4	50
46	David F. Strange,	2	25
66	E. L. Strange,	1	50
46	E. D. Briggs,	6	30
66	Alfred Pierce,	20	52
For sh	avings, Julius Haskins,	1	40
6.6	" Elam Staples,	9	30
Labor	and gravel, Eben Dean,		88
66	N. G. Townsend,	8	92
66	J. T. Townsend,	9	45

	a		
46	C. E. Viall,	10	
66	and gravel, Israel Chace,		84
	Isaac Seymour,	3 (
6.6	R. H. Seymour,		50
4.4	Franklin Phillips,		50
66	and gravel, Joseph Staples,		22
	P. H. Fletcher,		14
4.4	William Caswell,		25
66	J. Q. Dillingham,		80
	l, H. Dean,		20
	, P. L. Chase,		2()
"	N. G. Townsend,	4 (
66	Benj. H. Thrasher, repairing highways,		00
6.6	Alvin Briggs,		70
6.6	Frank Puffer,		35
"	Wm. Macomber,		50
66	Wm. Babbitt,		35
66	Samuel Westgate,		00
66	Edward Terry,		15
66	B. H. Thrasher,	9 (
66	George P. Strange, 1875,		25
66	and gravel, Albert W. Allen,	9 4	18
66	David Hoxie,	6 (00
66	Stephen B. Allen,		30
6.6	Benjamin Paull,	6 8	50
66	Daniel Crane,		50
66	Levi Bowker,	2 (00
. 6	Joseph T. Cummings,	3 2	25
6.6	Martin Alden,	4	50
6.6	Hercules Dean,	3 4	45
44	Albert E. Burt,		50
66	Thomas Burt,	1 8	50
6.6	Sumner Knapp,	12 (60
6.6	Giles L. Leach,		70
6.6	S. W. Phillips,	3 (00
66	Elijah Wilbur,	3 7	75
6.6	Chas. Bissett,	3 (00
6.6	Lewis Green,	4	45
6.6	and gravel, Thomas C. Dean, George W. Westgate,	12 (96
66	George W. Westgate,	52%	79
66	George H. Westgate,	16 (05
6.6	Stephen Cory,	8	10
66	C. W. Dean,		00
66	Shepard Phillips,	7 1	15
66	W. S. Phillips,	5 5	25
66	N. G. T. Bowen,	6	15
	*		

66	Samuel Norcutt,	4	50
6.6	Willard T. Westgate,	1	87
. 6	Wm. F. Babbitt,	1	50
. 6	Chas. F. Westgate,	3	00
66	Enoch Macomber,	4	50
6.6	F. A. Puffer,	1	50
¢ L	Barnard Norcutt,	7	65
66	Alvin Briggs,	7	95
66	Silas Norcutt,	6	75
66	Frederic Macomber,	3	60
4.6	Thomas T. Burt,	3	00
66	James Macomber,		25
6.6	Herbert A. Dean,	1	50
66	Thomas B. Dean,	2	40
6.6	Wm. C. Macomber,		50
6.6	R. H. Babbltt,	13	85
66	A. Babbitt,	9	75
66	Isaac Babbitt,	8	25
66	H. Babbitt,	6	00
66	John D. Babbitt,	7	50
66	Edward Babbitt,	1	95
6.6	Adoniram Cummings,	7	25
6.6	Joseph T. Cummings,	1	50
66	Samuel Covel,	4	50
66	W. H. S. Crane,	6	75
6.6	Cyrus Hathaway,	7	50
66	Francis Newhall,	6	00
66	Albert Bassett,	1	50
6.6	Nathaniel Hathaway,	4	50
66	J. C. Crane,	7	50
66	Simeon Briggs,	3	00
66	W. W. French,		70
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SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

B. L. Burt, aid to C. B. Hathaway's family,	\$102	00
H. A. Dean, house rent " "	45	00
B. L. Burt, aid to Orin F. Hathaway,	35	00
Staples & Phillips, coal " "	7	50
B. L. Burt, groceries to M. Newhall,	18	94
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, F. H. French,	157	05

City of Taunton, aid to S. D. Briggs, 27 00	
City of Boston, aid to C. Harmon, 94 20	
B. L. Burt, groceries to R. G. Robbins, 38 00	
P. T. & H. S. Washburn, coffin, R. G. Robbins, 14 00	
Groceries, wood and rent to W. F. Field's family, 22 17	
Dr. Hathaway, medical attendance, C. B. Hatha-	
10.75	
way s family, "F. H. French, 1 00	
J. P. Haskins, wood to M. Newhall, 6 00	
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INCIDENTALS.	
Thompson, Brown & Co., \$47 83	
W. D. Nichols, 2 50	
Printing Town Reports, 20 00	

Thompson, Brown & Co.,	ф.∓ (00	
W. D. Nichols,	2	50	
Printing Town Reports,	20	00	
Town of Middleboro, care of fish,	20	00	
T. P. Burt, bal. due as Treasurer, 1875,	26	87	
O. H. Thayer, rails for farm,	30	00	
John A. Reed, care of Town Hall, 1875-6,	6	68	
Wm. Babbitt, cash for sundries,	31	73	
Julia Burt, for one Lunatillus,	10	00	
W. H. S. Crane, serving dog warrant,	14	75	
Collector's commission,	50	00	
Treasurer's "	66	85	
Discount on taxes for early payment,	222	22	
Sinkages and abatements,	19	65	
Repairs on B. & D. bridge, Henry Hathaway			
and others,	14	59	
Repairs on school house,	9	00	
J. C. Standish, tending B. & D. bridge,			•
Balance of 1875, \$57 07 }	135	82	
9 months of 1876, 78 75)			
Expended for Incidentals and Discounts,			\$708 49

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF BERKLEY.

Town House,	\$1,000	00
Town Farm,	3,500	00
School Houses,	4,000	00
Valuation of stock, provisions, hay,	farming	
utensils, &c., on Town Farm,	974	60

Iron safe for use of the town,	75	00	
Book cases,	18	00	
Two fish notes, due June 1, 1877,	134	00	
Nine oyster notes, due June 1, 1877, '7	8, '79,		
'80, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85,	11,754	00	
State Aid due from State,	157	50	
	-	\$21,613	10

AVAILABLE FUNDS JUNE 1, 1877.

One oyster note, due June 1,	\$1,306	00		
Two fish notes, " "	134	90		
City of Fall River,	40	75		
Town of Raynham,	22	17		
· ·			\$1,511	92

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Machinists National Bank note, due Nov. 25, 1877, \$2,000 00

JOHN A. READ, Treasurer of Berkley.

SCHOOL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1876-7.

Fellow-Citizens:—Your Committee would have been much better pleased if they could have reported to you a longer school year than that which closed on the 2d day of March last. But though they have only a brief school year to report, they nevertheless think they may justly congratulate you on the progress made during the year.

The number of scholars enrolled has been larger than on the previous year; and in most of the schools progress has been more marked;—more especially in three of the largest has this progress been most noticeable. We refer to No. 1, No. 3 and No. 4. In these are found scholars of more advanced ages than in the others; and there has been among some of them a generous rivalry which has been very pleasing both to the teachers and the committee. We think that on the whole more school work has been done than on any previous year for some time.

Your committee have employed, during the year, two thoroughly qualified teachers, graduates of Bridgewater Normal School, and placed them, one at the Bridge all the school year, and the other at the Common during the winter, and results have shown the wisdom of the management.

New methods of instruction have been adopted with pleasing results. Thought has been drawn out, and habits

of study formed. To some of the scholars our mother tongue has become a new language. New eyes, so to speak, have been given, through which the pupil can look into a sentence of the English language, and see its meaning; and can tell the relation of each word to every other word in the sentence, so that the meaning of the writer is taken in at a glance. To pupils thus trained, "every sentence," as John Stuart Mill has it, "becomes a lesson in logic;" reading becomes a delight to themselves and a pleasure to those who hear them. The mechanical effort is lost sight of, the school tone is dropped, and the mind reads out the mind of the writer. The teacher who can train her pupils in this way is invaluable in a school; and the town which employs such makes the wisest use of its school money.

In two of our schools several of the more advanced pupils are very expert arithmeticians, and seem familiar with the principles as given by Quackenbos, whose text book they have studied. And three scholars have made considerable progress in the study of algebra during the winter.

The number of children in the town of school age, according to the assessors' return, was 118. The number of scholars enrolled during the year was 130. Deduct two counted twice and five who go to Taunton, and you have enrolled as scholars for the year 123, or five more than the number returned by the assessors. Of these, however, 21 are not of school age, 19 being over 15 years old and 3 under 5, thus leaving 17 children of school age not enrolled as scholars—work for the truant committee.

By a reference to the following table the reader will be able to discover at a glance the teacher, the time, the numbers, boys and girls, enrolled, and the average attendance of each school during the summer and winter terms respectively.

	6	01	4	ಲು	12		No. of S	chool	
	Annie F. Cummings 14	Carrie E. Cobb,	Hattie E. French,	Julia R. Burt,	M. Annie B.Wilbur 14	Annie E. Carpenter 14	NAME OF TEACHER.		KUS
76	14	~7	14	13	14	14	No. of W	eeks.	ME
61	13	4	10	11	11	12	Boys.	No. Enrolled.	SUMMER TERM.
54	೮	లు	9	15	15	7	Girls.	rolled.	M.
115	18	7	19	26	26	19	Total.		
98	16	0	16	23	21	16	attend'nce		
	6	ಲ್	4	ಲು	2	—	No. of Sc	hool.	
	Annie F. Cummings 14	Hattie E. French,	M. Annie B. Wilbur	3 Julia R. Burt,	Annie E. Carpenter 14	1 Jas. M. Leonard,	NAME OF TEACHER.		WIW
83	14	14	13	14	14	14	No. of W	eeks.	HHE
79	14	15	9	14	11	16	Boys.	No. Enrolled.	WINTER TERM
50	පැ	10	లు	13	14	57	Girls.	rolled.	1.
129	19	25	12	27	25	21	Total.		
100	13	19	7	23	20	18	Average attendice.		

In the foregoing tabular statement it will be seen that School No. 5 had only seven weeks of time during the summer. But as provision was made to convey its scholars to other schools, it is fair to count it as having had the same length of time as the others have had. According to this mode of reckoning, each school has had twenty-eight weeks or seven months, with the exception of No. 3 and No. 5, each one of which lost a week on account of the affliction of the teacher. This would give an average time of six months eighteen and one-third days to all the schools in the town.

The experiment of the past year has demonstrated to your committee this truth, viz: that if they could place thoroughly competent teachers in each of the schools where the most advanced pupils attend, there would be no need for parents to be at the trouble and expense of sending their children to the Grammar school or High in Taunton or else-But your committee think this would be a better and a more economical plan: Let some one of the more central schools in the town, or let the Town Hall, be used for the most advanced scholars from all the districts, and let a wide-awake teacher be appointed over them, and it will give the town of Berkley an educational standing which she has not attained, at least during the present generation. Now what is to prevent this? There have been in all our schools during the year about forty scholars over the age of thirteen; and these, with a little effort on their own part and a little on the part of their parents, might all be brought into one school. More especially might this be done in the winter. There might be found some of this age not prepared to go into a school of this higher grade; but there undoubtedly would be found as many not arrived at this age who would be prepared to be thus promoted; so that forty might be reckoned on as about the number that would attend. Put a teacher of approved ability at the head of this school, and what with the stimulus supplied by numbers, and with the growing ambition of boys and girls of this age, two winters shall not have passed away till it shall be felt and acknowledged that the town cannot do without such a school. This can be done at an expense to the town of not more than \$500, including carriage of scholars.

Then let there be three or four primary schools kept in session for six or seven months in the year, avoiding the extremes of heat in summer and of cold in winter. These could be carried on at an annual expense of not more than \$700 per annum. And thus for less money than the town is now expending, you will have a system of schools which your committe is persuaded will show more satisfactory results.

We note here for their encouragement the names of those scholars who have had a perfect record of attendance for the year or part of the year:—

School No. 2—Lydia D. Chace, during the summer term; Mary L. Smith, all the year; Frank Dean, Annie L. and Lizzie E. Hathaway, during the winter term.

School No. 3—Grace E. Fairley and Lulie M. Babbitt, summer term; Addie W. French and Flora A. Pierce, winter term.

School No. 4—Fannie M. Chace and Carrie M. Coombs, summer term; Frances Maguire, winter term.

School No. 5-Lucy M. Eaton, winter term.

School No. 6—George Caswell and Johnnie Cummings, winter term.

Most of you are aware that during the year Guyot's geographies have been introduced to our schools in room of

Cornell's, displaced. This has been done at the expense of the town in accordance with the law on this point:—"If any change is made, each pupil then belonging to the public schools, and requiring the substituted book, shall be furnished with the same by the committee at the expense of the town." (General Statutes relating to Public Schools, chap. 28, sec. 28.)

Cornell's geographies are now considerably out of date, and Guyot's are rapidly taking their place throughout the schools in the land. The world is progressing, and we want our scholars to know it.

The transaction has been a source of no little anxiety and labor to your committee, without one cent of profit. The books have been furnished to the town at the very lowest terms made by any publishers, and with the old books taken in exchange the new ones have cost the town but a very small sum compared with the real value of the books.

Yours faithfully,

The Committee,

SAMUEL FAIRLEY, Chairman, B. F. COOMBS, CALVIN T. CRANE.

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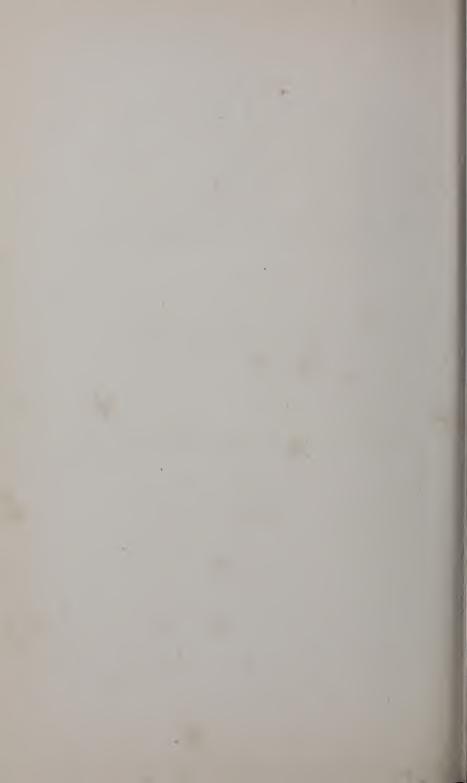
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REPORT

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TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF BERKLEY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1st, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

City of Fall River, acct. C. B. H.,	\$122	75		
Cash hired as per vote of town,	150	00		
Cash, Town of Raynham,	22	17		
" one oyster note,	1,306	00		
" two fish notes,	134	00		
" National Bank tax,	220	75		
" Corporation tax,	9	03		
" State aid,	126	00		
" School fund,	213	45		
" Dog fund,	82	71		
State, County and Town taxes,	3,120	19		
			\$5,507	05

EXPENDITURES.

State and County taxes,	\$564	00
Interest and note paid,	251	00
Highways and bridges,	1,158	39
Public Schools,	1,255	46
School Committee,	114	98
Selectmen and Overseers of Poor,	118	85
Support of poor out of almshouse,	547	42
Incidentals,	697	66
Treasurer's commission,	80	00
Care of B. & D. Bridge,	136	66
Assessors,	77	15
State aid,	162	00
Cash to balance,	343	86
		\$5,507 05

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

State tax, County tax,	\$270 00 294 56	564	56
NOTES AND INTERES	т.		
T. C. Crane's note and interest, Interest on note, Machinists' Bank,	151 00 100 00	251	00
SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS	OF POOR.		
Isaac Babbitt, 1876, James Maguire, 1877, Peter S. Chace, Wm. Babbitt, " cash paid out,	6 50 18 00 22 50 55 25 16 60	118	85
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	J.		
B. F. Coombs, 1876, Samuel Fairley, 1876, Rollin H. Babbitt, 1877, Joseph R. Elsbree, '75 and '6, B. F. Coombs, 1877, Calvin T. Crane, 1877, " 1876,	14 90 25 80 21 25 15 00 11 95 10 00 16 08	. 114	98
ASSESSORS.			
John Townsend, Samuel S. Pierce, Hercules Dean,	$\begin{array}{ccc} 26 & 25 \\ 25 & 00 \\ 25 & 90 \end{array}$		1.5
m Cl. L. L. L. D. J.			15
Town Clerk, John A. Read,		28	70
Collector and Treasurer, Wm. H. S. Crane	,	80	00
STATE AID.			
T. P. Burt, Lewis Green, Bildad Williams,	108 00 36 00 18 00	162	00

* SCHOOLS.

EXPENDED FOR TEACHERS.

Julia R. Burt, Sarah Crane, Hattie E. French, Annie F. Wilbour, Annie T. Cummings, A. Harris,	$\begin{array}{cccc} 244 & 00 \\ 252 & 00 \\ 176 & 00 \\ 176 & 00 \\ 177 & 00 \\ 84 & 00 \\ \end{array}$	P
Nellie R. Strange,	28 00	1,137 00
INCIDENTALS.		
T. L. & J. H. Church, coal, S. A. Burt, going after scholars, James Webster, wood, Giles L. Leach, wood, Hercules Dean, wood, F. B. Terry, cutting wood, " building fires, Henry Sandford, cutting wood, Charles S. Coombs, " " B. W. Macomber, " " Everettes Pierce, " " T. L. & J. H. Church, Ellie M. Smith, building fires, Frederic Macomber, Charles F. Coombs,	6 00 3 00 4 50 37 45 12 00 4 37 3 50 8 75 4 37 1 25 10 40 3 50 4 50 3 50 3 50 4 50 3 50	. 118 46
Town appropriation, School fund, Dog fund,	$ \begin{array}{r} 1,000 & 00 \\ 213 & 45 \\ 82 & 71 \\ \hline 1,296 & 16 \end{array} $	1,255 46

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Stephen Briggs,	20 00	
C. B. Hathaway,	128 50	
O. F. Hathaway,	86 00	
Mahala Newhall,	21 21	
F. C. French,	208 30	
Town of Westboro',	79 41	
City of New Bedford,	4 00	
,		547 42

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Balance Town Treasurer's bill, 1876,	37	37
Town Clerk's bill for 1877,	28	
Printing reports,	20	
Staples & Phillips,	3	
Care of fish, Middleboro',	20	
P. L. Chace, cow for farm,	50	
H. W. Clark, bill on school house, 1874,	12	
A. B. Crane, " " " "	15	00
S. B. Allen, sundries,	5	00
P. H. Fletcher, repairing wagon,	3	85
W. H. S. Crane, service on warrants,	11	25
Otis Read, care of town hall,	5	00
Discount for early payments,	280	00
Sinkages,	13	40
Timothy E. French, repairs,	9	82
N. G. Case,	1	75
Adoniram Cummings and others,	19	75
J. Babbitt, stove pipe,	8	77
Wm. G. Hathaway, binding dictionary,	3	50
Sarah Nichols, cleaning house,	2	00
Sundries furnished by teachers,	1	4:3
John A. Read, repairs,	4	67
Rollin Babbitt, school furnishings,		65
J. H. Lincoln, horse for farm,	140	00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

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Dist. No. 1.

Stephen A. Burt,	labor,	39	75
Sumner Knapp,	"	4	50
Bildad Williams,	"	8	62
George Williams,	44	4	50
Elijah Wilbur,	"	5	25

N. G. Case, labor,	3	00
Daniel Crane, "	9	60
S. B. Allen, "	8	25
Jason Cummings, "and gravel,	9	39
G. L. Leach, "	9	00
Benjamin Paul, "	6	52
John A. Read, " "	13	75
Hercules Dean, " "	8	10
Joseph T. Cummings,"	3	00
David Hoxie, ""	8	58
Snow bill for No. 1,	12	72
Dist. No. 2.		
Herbert A. Dean, labor and stone,	29	43
Stephen Corey, "	6	
Charles F. Westgate, "	8	25
Clarence W. Dean, "	6	
Shepherd Phillips, "	2	
N. G. T. Bowen, "	4	
Thomas B. Dean, "	î	
Alvin Briggs, "	$\frac{1}{7}$	85
Silas Norcut, "	4	
Samuel Norcut, "	3	
William Macomber, "	2	., 0
Thomas T. Burt, "	_	50
George H. Westgate, "	13	
Enoch Macomber, "	3	
Barnard Noreut, "	3	- 0
	1	50
Nancy I. Burt, " Wm. Smith, "	1	53
	1	50
Chester I minps,	4	58
Joseph Luner,	4	
Isaac C. French,	4	75
Thomas C. Dean, "and gravel, Willard F. Westgate, "	4	
George W. Westgate, "and gravel	11	10
ordered in the original, that graver,	45	64
Joseph W. Carpenter,	7	50
Snow bill, Dist. No. 2, 1877,	3	52
" " 1878,	7	19
Dist. No. 3.		0.0
Adoniram Babbitt, labor,	3	00
Horace D. Dabbitt,	21	50
Artemas D. Dabbitt,	3	00
isaac Dabbitt,	6	00
Edward Babbitt, "	4	5()
Joseph H. Cummings, "	22	85

Adoniram Cummings,	labor,		9	75
John C. Crane,	"		3	75
W. H. S. Crane,	•••		4	50
Samuel Covell,	"		6	75
W. W. French,	66		4	50
Albert Hathaway,	66		3	00
Cyrus Hathaway,	"		3	00
W. B. Haskins,	66			
G. H. Merick,	66		3	00
Francis Newhall,	66		6	00
Snow bill, No. 3, 1877,		19 76		
" " 1878,		7 87	27	63
Dist. No. 4.				
Allen Grey,			4	50
E. A. Grey,				00
Peter L. Chace,			12	75
Benjamin F. Chace,			4	20
Samuel S. Pierce,			1	50
Jeremiah Pierce,			1	50
George E. Boyce,				00
			6	00
John Boyce,			1	50
Elisha Belcher,			7	
B. G. Hathaway,			- 6	35
Charles Record,			0	75
Albert E. Dean,			2	55
Thomas F. Dean,	1 1		5	10
John Q. Dillingham,	labor,		9	75
James D. Dillingham,	"		4	05
W. D. Nichols,			7	20
Benjamin F. Coombs,	"			50
Benjamin Luther,				00
James Maguire,	"		6	00
Darius Phillips,	"		5	20
Charles Davis,	"		4	50
John H. Grinnels,	"		3	00
Thomas J. Tew,	"			95
Benjamin F. Luther,	"		14	15
Snow bill, 1877,	21	19		
" " 1878,	15	52	36	61
Dist. No. 5.				
Cyrus Haskins,			12	75
Albert W. Allen,			33	86
Evander Strange,	1		4	50
Eliphalet Terry,			7	35
Edward Terry,			12	22

Lewis Terry,			6	15		
Henry D. Člark,			2	25		
Noah Strange,			7	50		
Ebenezer Briggs,			10	35		
George P. Strange,				75		
George A. Strange,			3	60		
David T. Strange,			8	25		
David F. Strange,			2	25		
Alfred Pierce,			3	22		
Thomas Terry,			12	00		
Francis Richmond,			6	00		
Snow bill, 1878,			6	78		
Laid out by Selectme	en on roa	d.	46			
Dist. No. 6.						
			, 0	0.0		
Isaac Seymour,			9			
John T. Townsend,				00		
N. G. Townsend,	,		13			
Christopher French,	gravel,			96		
B. H. Thrasher,			15			
B. F. Cheeny,			55			
Franklin Phillips, labor and gravel,		12				
Frank B. Chester,				25		
Thomas H. Seekell,				00		
William H. Smith,				00		
Job Hamar,				00		
John Harmon,	labor,			25		
Dean Westgate,	"			50		
Charles Shaw,	"			00		
John Thrasher,	"			00		
Israel Chace,	46		1	87		
Joseph Staples,	" and	d gravel,	5	59		
William Caswell,	"	"		90		
Elam Staples,	"		3	00		
C. E. Vial,	"	"	42	25		
Paid out by Selectmen,			195	91		
Snow bill, 1877,	26 90)				
" " 1878,	9 90)	36	80		
Total,					\$1,158	46

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

Town House,	\$1,000	00
Town Farm,	3,500	00
Stock, hay, utensils, &c.,	976	54
School houses,	4,000	00

Safe,	75 00		
Two fish notes, due June 1, 1878,	120 00		
Eight oyster notes, due June 1st, '78, '9,			
'80, '1, '2, '3, '4, '5,	10,448 00		
Cash in Treasury,	341 41		
		20.460	95

AVAILABLE FUNDS, JUNE 1, 1878.

One oyster note, due June 1,	1,306 00	
Two fish notes, ""	120 00	
City of Fall River,	54 00	
		1,480 00

TOWN DEBT.

Machinists' Bank note, due Nov. 25, 1878, 2,000 00

WM. H. S. CRANE,

Treasurer of Berkley.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1877-8.

Fellow Citizens:—Our Schools closed on the eighth of March, with the exception of the one in the Neck, which continued four weeks longer as there were but nine weeks of town school in Summer. All of the schools have been in session the same length of time, with the exception of the Algerene school, and your Committee were unanimous in the opinion that it would be better for the scholars in that section (of which there were but 5 at the most.) to go to the Common. A suitable conveyance was provided, but, after running a week without a scholar, was discontinued, the parents exhibiting more self-will than desire to educate their children. In the latter part of the Summer term and in Winter, teachers were provided.

Our schools on the whole have been quite successful, one or two not being what they might have been under different influences. Two Normal teachers have been employed all of the school year, with great satisfaction to your Committee, and the services of a third were engaged for the Winter term at the Bridge. Your Committee deem it advisable to employ Normal teachers as far as our means will allow for the coming year. Marked benefit has resulted where they have remained for a year or more, and in the exercise of reading the improvement was very apparent, and in all the exercises the pupils appeared very familiar with what they had been over. Almost all the other schools showed a fair degree of improvement.

Not all of the success of a school can depend on the teacher; the parents have a duty to perform, and in one of our most successful schools the teacher, of many years of experience, remarks "that in all of her experience she never had a school where the parents and children took such an interest in the welfare of the school as they did there," and the school shows the result in being the most advanced in town. Indifference on the part of the parents is reflected in the child, and presents to the teacher a serious obstacle to the advancement of the school. Your Committee are pleased to note, in looking over the registers, a growing interest, compared with other years, on the part of the parents in visiting the schools, which promises well for the future.

Our school houses need some repairs in the way of paint and other slight repairs; all are quite pleasant with the exception of No. 6, which is entirely out of date, and the scholars deserve a better edifice.

A glance at the following table will give the usual statistics.

	5 N	4 Sa	3 H:	2 M.	1 Ju	No. of School.	
Annie F. Cummings 13	Nellie R. Strange,	Sarah Crane,	Hattie E. French,	M. Annie B. Wilbur 13	Julia R. Burt,	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	SUMMER TERM
<u>s</u> 13	7	9	13	<u>-13</u>	13	No. of Weeks.	TT S
21	12	18	15	26	28	Whole No. Pupils.	ERM.
$17\frac{1}{2}$	10	17	13	22	24	Average Attendance.	
6.00	4.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	\$8.00	Wages per week	
0	ಲ್	4	ಲು	20	þ	No. of School.	
Annie I	Hattie	4 Sarah Crane,	A. L.	M. Anı	Julia]	Name	
T. Cummings	Hattie E. French,		Harris,	nie B. Wilbur	1 Julia R. Burt,	Names of Teachers.	WINTER
F. Cummings 14	E. French, 14	18	Harris, 14	Annie B. Wilbur 14	R. Burt, 14	S OF TEACHERS.	WINTER TE
6 Annie F. Cummings 14 20	•			nie B. Wilbur 14 29		*	WINTER TERM.
F. Cummings 14 20 143	, 14	18	14		14	No. of Weeks.	WINTER TERM.

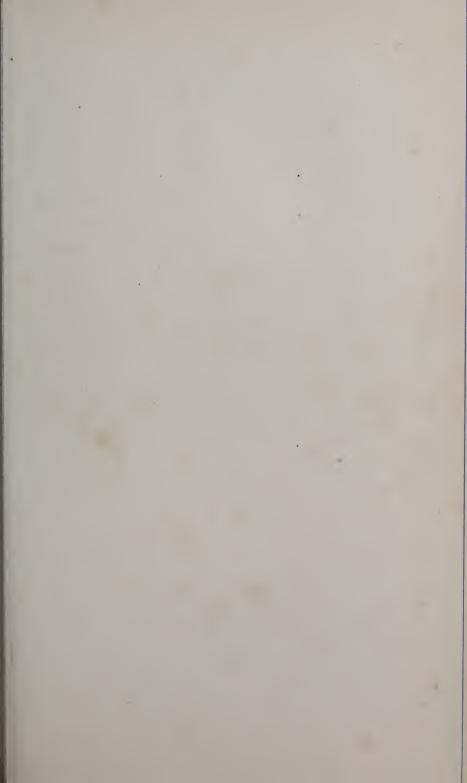
The measles have made the general average of attendance at the School at Burt's Corner much lower than it otherwise would have been, and in the Northeast School most of the pupils were small and have a long distance to go, and in bad weather are necessarily detained at home; but the average is better than might be expected.

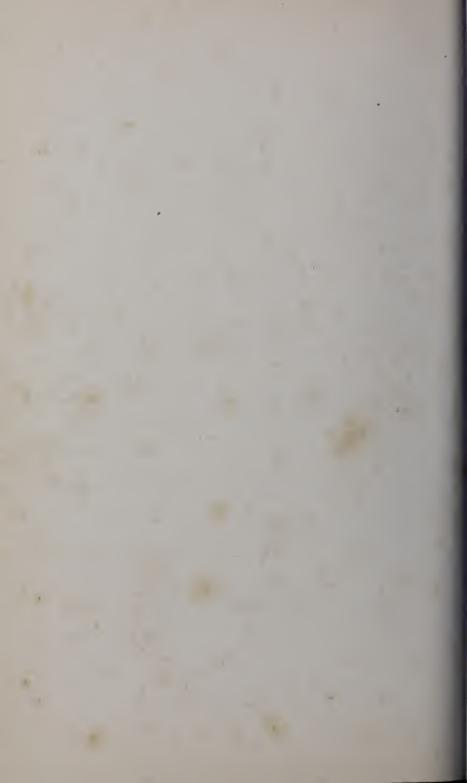
For the encouragement of the scholars in the future, we make mention of the number of pupils who have not been tardy during the year in each school: At the Common, only Minnie M. Williams; at Burt's Corner, nine of the misses and seven of the masters; only one at the Bridge, Addie W. French; at the Neck, Sybil Luther, James D. Dillingham and Carrie Coombs; Lucy M. Eaton and Walter A. Strange at Algerene; two of the misses and six of the masters at the Northeast; Lydia D. Chase and Mary L. Smith of Burt's Corner were not absent during the year.

The only change in text books is in readers. The Franklin Series has been adopted, as there was a want of uniformity of readers. The change is to be made as the scholars require new books, without expense to the town.

In conclusion, your Committee are convinced that it would be for the interest of the scholars in town if the schools could be consolidated into two or even three; then with the same money we should have schools all of the year in charge of able teachers. This would require self-sacrifice on the part of many parents but would pay in the end.

CALVIN T. CRANE, BENJ. F. COOMBS, ROLLIN H. BABBITT,





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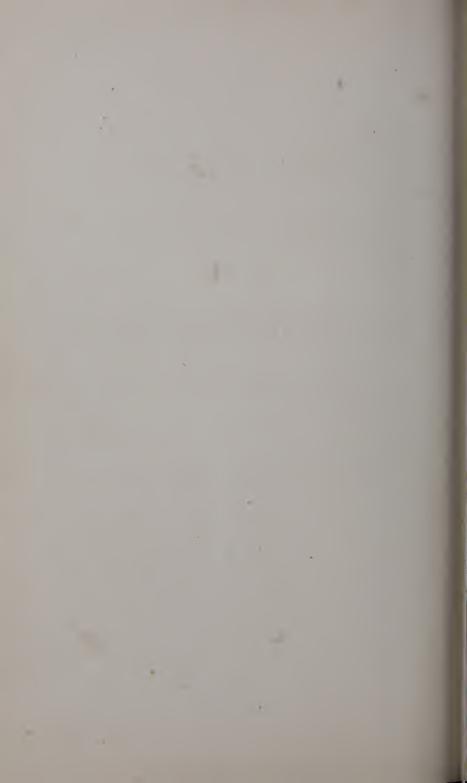
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the year ending April 1st, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

\$256.91 120.00

Cash in Treasury, Two fish notes,

One oyster note,	1,306.00	
Interest on note,	23.47	
City of Fall River,	176.21	
Corporation tax,	8.84	
National Bank tax,	216.54	
State aid,	126.00	
School fund,	213.35	
Dog fund,	68.81	
Town of Dighton, gravel,	.84	
State, County and Town tax,	2,737.48	
Hired as per vote of town,	300.00	
•		\$5,554.45
EXPENDITURES.		
State and County Tax,	491.74	
Note and Interest,	1,050.00	
Public Schools,	1,213.12	
Highways and Bridges,	1,039.65	
Selectmen and Overseers of Poor,	95,37	
School Committee,	10.88	
Support of Poor out of Almshouse,	502.54	
Care of Berkley and Dighton Bridge,	63.00	
Assessors,	91.70	
State aid,	178.00	
Berkley's proportion of Somerset Bridge,	86.24	
Town Clerk,	23.85	
Treasurer's Commission,	70.00	
Incidentals,	504.11	
Cash to balance,	134.88	
		5,554.45

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

State tax, County tax,	\$311.74 180.00	\$491.74
		Φ431.74
NOTES AND INTERE	ST.	
Machinist National Bank, note, "Interest on note,	1,000.00 50.00	
		1,050.00
SCHOOL COMMITTE	EE.	
B. F. Coombs,	10.88	
		10.88
SELECTMEN AND OVERSEER	RS OF POO	R.
William Babbitt,	51.00	
" " Money paid out,	22.37	
T. A. Briggs,	8.25	
P. L. Chase,	13.75	
		95.37
TOWN CLERK.		
John A. Read,	23.85	
John II. Ileau,		23.85
COLLECTOR AND TREAS	SURER.	
N. H. Strange,	70.00	
210 221 000000000		70.00
ASSESSORS.		
G. L. Leach,	30.00	
A. E. Dean,	30.00	
D. S. Briggs,	31.07	
		91.07
STATE AID.		
Bildad Williams,	18.00	
Lewis Green,	36.00	
T. P. Burt,	54.00	
Carlos Wellman,	70.00	
		178.00

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

B. F. Dean, O. F. Hathaway,	\$89.00 86.00	
Mahala Newhall,	15.10	
C. B. Hathaway,	112.00	
Elam Staples,	24.00	
F. French,	166.44	
Town of Norton,	10.00	
		\$502.54

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Printing reports,	15.50
N. G. Townsend,	4.00
G. P. Strange, interest on \$35,	8.40
H. A. Dean, Guardian for C. Norcutt,	30.22
H. L. Davis, lead and oil,	25.66
Elisha Belcher, painting school-house,	12.00
Dr. Hathaway, attendance on Poor,	5.50
Bildad Williams, cleaning school-house,	2.71
Care of fish, Middleboro,	20.00
Thomas Terry, wood,	4.00
N. G. Case, bill on school-houses,	6.00
T. E. French, "	14.93
T. H. Seekell, wood,	3.50
H. A. Dean, serving as committee,	10.00
Otis E. Read, sundries,	7.61
P. L. Chase, serving as committee,	6.00
T. A. Briggs, "	9.25
G. B. Williams, lumber,	5.98
T. E. French, carpentering on Town Hall,	1.95
Sinkage on taxes,	11.77
Discount on taxes,	240.03
N. H. Strange, serving warrants,	11.00
" " sundries,	6.00
B. F Coombs, "	5.60
J. W. Thrasher, "	10.50
John A. Read, "	4.00

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SCHOOLS.

EXPENDED FOR TEACHERS.

Sarah Crane. A. B. Wilbur, Nellie W. Winslow, Annie L. Harris, Julia R. Burt, S. P. Dillingham, H. L. Turner,	\$120.00 135.50 182.00 182.00 219.00 208.00 77.00	\$1,123.50
INCIDENTALS.	•	
James Macomber, sundries for schools,	.62	
Crayons,	.50	
N. G. Case, building fires,	2.75	
Irving Chase, "	2.75	
Charles S. Coombs, "	2.75	
W. H. S. Crane, "	2.75	
G. W. Caswell, "	2.75	
A. W. Strange, "	2.50	
B. W. Macomber, cutting wood,	3.75	
E. W. French.	7.50	
W. W. French, "	2.50	
F. B. Terry, "	3.75	
Everett Coombs, "	3.75	
J. T. Townsend, for wood,	51.00	
, , , ,		89.62
m	000 00	
Town appropriation,	900.00	
School fund,	213.30	
Dog fund,	68.81	1 100 10
		1,182.16
Deficiency for schools,		30.96

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

A. H. Allen,	labor and gravel,	6.28
Martin Alden,	"	4.50
Thomas Burt,	66	4.50
S. A. Burt,	66	8.25
J. T. Cummings,	66	8.25.

John Cameron,	labor,	\$8.50
N. G. Case,	66 '	4.00
George Cole,	"	1.50
Jason Cummings,	"	4.00
Edgar French,	и	1.20
Henry Hathaway	66	9.00
David Hoxie,	labor and gravel,	8.46
G. L. Leach,	"	10.10
S. W. Phillips,	"	1.50
John A. Read,	labor and gravel,	11.96
Benj. Paull,	" "	7.00
Alfred Pierce,	gravel,	.48
Bildad Williams,	labor,	14.25
Elijah Wilbur,	"	4.50
Hercules Dean,	1	21.77
Snow bill,	labor and gravel,	7.50
Show bill,		1.00
	DISTRICT NO. 2.	
**		27.22
H. A. Dean,	labor and gravel,	25.23
Enoch Macomber		4.50
Stephen Cory,	"	4.50
Alvin Briggs,	"	4.87
Clarence Dean,	"	10.05
Wm. Macomber,	"	2.25
T. B. Dean,	"	3.19
Bernard Norcutt,	"	2.70
Edward Smith,	46	1.80
Samuel Norcutt,	66	3.00
Silas Norcutt,	66	4.50
Joseph Puffer,	46	4.50
Fred'k Macomber	.,	3,00
N. G. T. Bowen,	"	6.00
G. W. Westgate		36.75
G. W. Westgate,		9.60
Willard. F. West		4.45
G. H. Westgate,	"	6.00
Shepherd Phillips	s, "	1.50
G. W. Westgate,	<i>"</i>	.60
Snow bill,		15.83
	Diampion vo 9	
	district no. 3.	
A. Babbitt,	labor,	6.00
I. Babbitt,	labor and gravel,	6.80
H. B. Babbitt,	"	4.50
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E. Babbitt,	labor,	\$1.50
T. A. Briggs,	"	12.00
S. Briggs,	46	4.50
Albert Bassett,	66	1.50
Samuel Covel,	"	6.75
A. Cummings,	46	9.30
J. C. Crane,	46	6.00
Wm. H. S. Crane,	66	7.50
S. H. Cudworth,	66	4.80
J. H. Cummings,	66	19.75
W. W. French,	66	3.00
C. Hathaway,	66	4.80
S. Hathaway,	66	3.00
A. Hathaway,	66	7.50
G. H. Myrick,	66	3.00
F. Newhall,	66	6.30
E. Pierce,	66	1.50
Snow bill,		21.24
	DISTRICT NO. 4.	
	DISTRICT NO. 4.	
B. F. Chase,	labor,	6.75
B. F. Chase,	gravel,	5.00
Allen Gray,	labor,	4.50
A. T. Gray.	•6	3.00
G. E. Boyce,	66	8.25
S. S. Pierce,	*6	2.25
John Boyce,	46	4.50
B. G. Hathaway,	"	5.70
B. G. Hathaway,	gravel,	.84
John Dillingham,	labor,	8.00
James Dillingham,	"	3.00
W. D. Nichols,	"	9.00
A. E. Dean,	66	2.25
B. F. Coombs,	66	9.00
Benj. Luther,	66	6.00
B. F. Luther,	66	6.00
J. T. Dean,	66	3.00
Benj. Phillips,	66	3.00
P. L. Chase,	66	29.50
Snow bill,		15.57
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	DISTRICT NO. 5.	
E. D. Briggs,	labor,	22.65
H. W. Clark,	"	8.25
H. W. Clark,	gravel,	4.00

J. D. Briggs,	labor,	\$12.00
C. J. Briggs,	"	12.00
Thomas Terry,	66	6.90
J. W. Terry,	"	2.25
F. B. Terry,	"	1.50
H. D. Clark,	"	1.50
D. T. Strange,	"	9.00
D. F. Strange,	"	1.35
N. H. Strange,	"	12.00
J. F. Richmond,	"	6.75
J. F. Richmond,	gravel,	3.32
Alfred Pierce,	labor,	4.50
Alfred Pierce,	gravel,	3.00
G. P. Strange,	labor,	7.50
G. P. Strange,	drills,	.25
A. W. Allen,	labor,	8.00
Cyrus Haskins,	"	4.50
Edward Westgate,	"	4.50
Eliphalet Terry,	•6	1.50
Clinton Briggs,	"	1.00
E. E. Terry,	"	1.50
Snow bill,		6.75
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DISTRICT NO. 6.

Job Hamer,	labor,	3.00
D. P. Westgate,	46	21.60
Frank Phillips,	"	23.25
Frank Phillips,	gravel,	5.50
C. E. Viall,	labor,	7.50
N. G. Townsend,	"	12.00
J. T. Townsend,	44	14.25
W. K. Evans,	gravel,	2.00
Israel Chase,	labor,	1.00
T. H. Seekell,	"	3.00
P. H. Fletcher,	66	13.52
P. H. Fletcher,	gravel,	1.48
Joseph Staples,	labor,	2.70
J. H. Thrasher,	"	6.00
C. A. Shaw,	"	4.50
Elam Staples,	"	1.50
B. F. Cheney,	66	3.00
W. H. Smith,	"	14.80
Snow bill, 1877,		3.00
Paid out by Select	men,	170.51

AVAILABLE FUNDS JUNE 1, 1879.

One oyster note, Two fish notes,	\$1,306.00 130.00	\$1,436.00
TOWN'S DEBT.		,
Machinist National Bank note, due Nov. 25, 1879 Thaddeus Lincoln's note, due June 5, 1879,	, 1,000.00	1,300.00
PROPERTY BELONGING TO	TOWN.	
Charles Norcutt's note, due Oct. 14, 1879, School houses, Six oyster notes, Cash in Treasury, Town house, Town farm,	4,000,00 7,836.00 134.88 1,000.00 3,500.00	82.43
•		\$16,553.31

NOAH H. STRANGE, Treasurer of Berkley.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM, MARCH 28th, 1879.

One bay horse,		\$140.00
One old horse,		25.00
Seven cows,		260.00
Eight tons English hay,		112.00
One ton black grass,		9.00
One mowing machine,	•	40.00
One horse rake,		5.00
Four hand rakes,		1.00
Five hay forks,		1.50
Five draft chains,		4.00
Three shovels,		1.00
Three manure forks,		.75
Harnesses,		20.00
One stump hook,		1.50
One fall and blocks,		1.50
Drag rake.		.50
Two ladders,		1.00
Stone mall and iron bar,		2.00
Monkey wrench,		1.00
One large plow,		6.00
One small plow,		4.00
Narrow hoe,		.25
Whiffletree,		.25
Stable bucket,		.30
Horse blanket,		1.00
One pair hames,		.25
Potato digger,		.30
Cultivator,		.25
Sleigh,		4.00
		1.00

Four pigs,	\$16.00
Horse sled,	1.00
Ox harrow,	3.00
Two hoes,	.50
One top express wagon,	40.00
One farm wagon,	60.00
One hay rack,	2.00
One ton 'of thatch,	7.00
Grindstone,	3.00
Two scythes and snaths,	3.00
Fifty-five hens,	27.50
Five turkeys,	7.00
A lot of pop corn,	3.00
Six bushels rye,	4.50
Ten bushels cob corn,	3.00
Stub scythe,	1.00
One lot of rails,	10.00
One lot of locust and cedar posts,	10.00
One lot of wood,	30.00
Bucket,	.25
Wool,	1.20
Three axes,	1.00
Two wood saws,	1.00
Spade,	.75
21 lbs. ham,	2.10
32 lbs. lard,	2.56
Clothes wringer,	7.00
Two wash tubs,	.75
1-2 bushel salt,	.25
Thirty gallons of vinegar, .	4.50
y 1-2 bushels potatoes,	9.50
6 1-2 bushels planting potatoes,	2.00
175 lbs pork,	14.00
One lot of pig potatoes,	1.00
2 1-2 bushels turnips,	1.25
One lot dried apples,	6.00
Apple parer,	.75

\$933.46

The amount of the appraisal last year was \$978.47. or \$45.01 more than for the present year, and if we add the amount for which we appraised a horse, paid for by the Town Treasurer, \$140, the appraisal would be \$185 less than last year.

We find in settling with Calvin Belcher, \mathbf{A} gent at Town Farm, that he has charged the Town:

For sundries bought, His salary,	\$426.40 175.00	
**		\$601.40
And that he has given the Town credit for sundries sold to the amount of		541.38
Leaving a balance due him of		\$60.02

For which we gave him an order on the Treasurer.

Last year there was due from Mr. Belcher to the Town \$30.33 which added to the amount (\$60.02) due Mr. Belcher this year by the Town, makes a difference of \$90.35 against Mr. Belcher, comparing his account this year with that of last year.

Mr. Belcher wishes us to state to the town, that he has not been able to sell but a small part of the milk he produced, and what he was able to sell was at a very low price, and this is the possible reason why the amount of his sales was so much less than last year.

There were at the Town Farm, March 31st, 1878, the following paupers: Amanda French, Esther Norcutt, John Westgate, Stephen Briggs, Charles Norcutt and wife. Stephen Briggs died January 19th, 1879, and Charles Norcutt and wife left the last of April, 1878, leaving at the Farm, March 28th, 1879, only three persons as paupers, namely, Amanda French, Esther Norcutt and John Westgate, who are in good health, and appear to be kindly and properly cared for.

The average number of paupers supported last year at	
Town Farm was four, which has cost the Town,	
reckoning interest of Farm,	\$200.00
Balance due the Agent, Mr. Belcher,	60.02
And the amount due from Mr. Belcher last year,	30.33
A total amount of	\$290,35

Which is about \$1.40 per week for each pauper. This does not include the \$185.01 difference in appraisal this year with last.

We find by Mr. Belcher's books that he has given supper, lodging and breakfast to twenty-nine tramps during the last year.

Our report does not give an account of those persons who have been in whole or in part supported by the Town outside of the Town Farm, that account will be found in the Treasurer's report.

HERBERT A. DEAN, PETER L. CHASE, of the Poor.

LIST OF TAXES

For the Year 1878-79.

S. B. Allen's estate,	\$21.68
Amos H. Allen.	6.18
Davis Allen, Albert W. Allen, Jethro Ashley, Martin Alden,	19.53
Albert W. Allen,	3.69
Jethro Ashley, /Junimum	12.73
Martin Alden,	17.68
Augustus Adams,	2.00
Polly and Rachel Burt,	1.51
Abner Burt's estate,	2.25
Thomas Burt,	14.90
T. Preston Burt,	2.75
Caroline Burt,	4.50
Maria Burt,	8.21
Alex. E. Burt,	2.00
Stephen A. Burt,	2.56
Daniel S. Briggs,	14.38
Caleb S. Briggs,	6.13
Andrew Briggs,	2.75
Charles Bissett,	24.02
Maria Bissett,	.75
William Babbitt,	18.05
William Babbitt and others, William Boyce, Edward Babbitt, Simeon Briggs, Simeon Briggs, Jr.,	7.50
William Boyce,	8.75
Edward Babbitt,	11.12
Simeon Briggs,	13.18
Simeon Briggs, Jr.,	2.00
Thomas A. Briggs,	8.45
John D. Babbitt,	12.43
Adoniram Babbitt,	2.75
Rollin H. Babbitt,	14.16
E. B. Babbitt,	22.22
H. B. Babbitt,	2.00
Isaac Babbitt,	22.55
Gideon H. Babbitt,	2.00
Albert F. Bassett,	13.37
Levi L. Bowker,	2.75
John Boyce,	19.33
David E. Boyce,	2.00
George E. Boyce,	20.27
Elisha Belcher,	5.56
Calvin Belcher,	4.25
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William H. Belcher,		\$2.00
Leonard T. Belcher,		2.00
E. D. Briggs,		12.40
		2.00
J. D. Briggs,		
Joseph and Sarah Burt,		4.13
Wealthy C. Boyce,		1.88
Tamerlane Burt's estate	,	33.94
Thomas T. Burt,		2.94
Alvin Briggs,		15.39
N. G. T. Bowen,		18.58
William Burt's estate,	277	3.00
George H. Bowers,	CALL CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF	17.90
Nathaniel Burgess,		2.00
Margaret Crane,	1 112 William F - F -	17.52
A. B. Crane,	9 11 11 11 11 11	13.44
John Cameron,	Linus De -	2.00
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George Cummings,	3312212	
J. T. Cummings,	16 Jan 1 40 12 12	4.74
Jason Cummings,	District Co.	11.64
Jason Cummings, Jr.,	7	2.00
Barzillai Crane's estate,	•=	8.63
Nathan G. Case,		9.39
Stephen Cory,		9.50
Charles Cory,		2.00
Thomas G. Chase,		2.30
G. W. Cummings,		2.94
C /	-1 2-1	25.20
Charles E. Clark,	•	
Charles E. Clark, Jr.,		2.00
John Clark,		2.00
Benj. Crane's estate,		3.00
John C. Crane,		18.88
William H. S. Crane,		12.66
Samuel Covel,	15.	11.64
George-Crane, Fler	L. W. Centille	2.00
Sarah Crane,		6.56
Adoniram Cummings,		8.60
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J. H. Cummings,		2.00
Benj. F. Coombs,		21.51
Peter L. Chase,		30.56
Benj. F. Chase,		17.94
H. W. Clark,		9.54
H. D. Clark,		2.00
Benj. F. Cheney,		5.83
Israel Chase,		6.00
Wm. Caswell,		15.30
C. T. Crane,		20.98
C. I. Crane,		20.00

J. W. Carpenter,		\$18.32
S. H. Cudworth,		9.90
Frank E. Chester,		2.00
William H. Crowninshield,		2.38
G. M. Cole,		2.00
Vernon S. Dean,		2.00
James Darvell,		2.00
H. C. Dean,		20.26
S. C. Dean,		20.11
T. B. Dean,		2.00
Miles S. Dean,		13.18
A. E. Dean,		2.00
T. F. Dean,		18.46
E.D. Dillingham,		16.13
H. A. Dean,		72.91
Betsey Norcutt's estate,		2.63
Ebenezer Dean,		20 23
J. T. Dean,		14.30
Charles A. Davis,		10.48
S. P. Dillingham,		4.50
J. D. Dillingham,		2.30
J. Q. Dillingham,		33.21
J. R. Ellsbree,		16.25
J. S. Evans,		2.00
William R. Evans,		11.79
O. F. French,		16.67
J. O. French,		16.11
T. E. French,		6.31
M. B. French,		1.05
William W. French,		3.73
Christopher French,		9.19
Christopher P. French,		2.75
Philip H. Fletcher,		40.25
G. F. Fletcher,		2.75
L. P. Fletcher,		2.38
John Gidmark,	•	2.00
Lewis Green,		2.56
Allen Gray,		11.57
Alex. T. Gray,		2.86
Alma Gray,		.53
John Grinnell,		12.96
David Gaines,		2.00
J. P. Haskins,		35.83
Shadrack Hathaway,		11.37
E. S. Hathaway,		3.50
Enoch Hathaway's estate,		1.13
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TO STEEL STATE	
Benj. Hathaway's estate,	\$3.75
Henry Hathaway,	12.69
Rebecca Hathaway,	19.65
David Hoxie,	22.36
David A. Hoxie,	2.00
E. B. Hathaway.	2.00
Elkanah Hathaway,	10.18
James H. Humphrey,	2.00
John J. Hall,	2.00
Otis Haskell,	2.75
William H. Haskell,	2.00
James A. Haskell,	2.00
Thomas Hathaway,	2.00
Cyrus Hathaway,	11.71
C. A. Hathaway,	2.56
Nathaniel Hathaway's estate,	8.03
Albert Hathaway,	2.00
Cyrus Haskins, Jr.,	2.00
James Hathaway's estate,	5. 29
B. G. Hathaway,	11.00
Peter Hathaway's estate,	15.30
Cyrus Haskins,	8.41
G. A. Harmon,	2.00
F. D. Harmon,	2.00
John Harmon,	5.81
Job-Hamer,	5.94
A. R. Haines,	5.00
G. F. Howard,	2.00
Stephen Hathaway,	15.36
Arthur Jones,	2.56
Sumner Knapp,	2.00
G. L. Leach,	32.53
Obadiah Lawton,	13.10
Benj. Luther,	16.41
Benj. F. Luther,	3.28
Frederick Lincoln,	2.00
J. F. McDonald,	2.00
J. H. Macomber,	5.61
Enoch Macomber,	8.71
Horace Macomber,	3.36
William C. Macomber,	2.00
Frederick Macomber,	2.00
B. W. Macomber,	.75
Gideon H. Myrick,	14.23
Samuel Norcutt,	5.38
Silas Norcutt,	12.99

Bernard Norcutt,			\$8.68
Betsey Newhall,			1.13
Francis Newhall,			17.90
W. D. Nichols,			32.75
Christopher Newhall.			1.13
Albert Pitts,			86.33
Thomas Poole,			2.00
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W. H. Phillips,			_ 2.00
S. W. Phillips,			5.11
Benj. Paull,			9.68
J. F. Phillips,			2.00
J. W. Puffer,			7.44
Andrew N. Pierce estate,			7.50
Darius Phillips,			15.32
J. W. Pierce,			2.68
S. S. Pierce,			4.66
George Pierce,			13.63
Shepherd Phillips,			4.06
Alfred Pierce,			10.67
Frank Phillips,			8.53
C. F. Phillips,			2.00
J. A. Read,			12.32
Asa W. Read,			5.75
J. F. Richmond,			10.70
Wm. R. Smith,			2.00
Sina Seekell,			1.50
T. P. Staples,			5.15
D. D. Strange,			18.94
N. H. Strange,			2.00
Thomas Strange estate,			26.78
G. P. Strange,			3.65
P. A. Strange,			2.00
M J. Strange,			1.73
D. T. Strange,			16.52
D. F. Strange,			3.13
Elam Staples,			2.26
C. F. Staples,			2.00
Daniel Staples,	4		3.49
Joseph Staples,			11.60
Darius Sanford,			4.99
C. A. Shaw,			5.26
Isaac Seymour,			19.77
T. H. Seekell,			18.13
Wm. H. Smith,			6.99
A. R. Street,			2.00
J. W. Thrasher,			26.31
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C. O. Thrasher,	\$2.00
Benj. H. Thrasher,	5.19
John H. Thrasher,	7.85
Noah D. Thrasher,	12.69
C. F. Thrasher,	2.00
George Thornton,	2.00
J. T. Townsend,	12.02
N. G. Townsend,	13.29
Thomas Terry,	9.20
J. W. Terry,	2.00
Eliphalet Terry,	2.04
E. E. Terry,	2.00
P. J. Tew;	10.93
Augustavus Tripp,	-5.75
C. E. Viall,	14.42
G. W. Westgate,	9.88
J. B. Westgate,	10.74
C. F. Westgate,	2.56
D. P. Westgate,	10.33
G. H. Westgate,	4.63
J. E. Westgate,	4.63
Elijah Wilbur,	8.98
Arthur White.	2.00
Bildad Williams,	4.55
G. B. Williams,	2.00
G. F. Wilbur,	22.29
C. H. Williams,	2.00
Vergil-Wilde,	9.13
Caroline Williams,	3.38
G. H. Wescott's estate,	4.50
Cong. Society,	3.11

NON-RESIDENTS.

TAUNTON.

Wm. Burt,	2.25
Benj. Burt,	3.00
S. B. Chase,	5.25
Anthony & Cushman,	4.50
Job Dean's estate,	5.25
D. W. Dean,	5.63
J. T. Dean,	.38
D. C. Dean,	2.25
Jacob Eldridge,	.98
Israel French,	1.69
G. A. Field and others,	11.25

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John Godfrey's estate,	\$0.38
Nelson Goff,	.38
Enoch Goff,	.75
Staples & Godfrey,	2.63
Sylvia Hathaway,	.56
Enoch Hathaway estate,	.56
George Hart,	.30
	5.63
E. O. Hart,	
J. W. Hart,	6.19
J. E. Hart,	1.69
H. B. Macomber,	3.00
S. W. Macomber,	5.25
Rufus Macomber,	35.14
G. W. Macomber,	.56
Wm. F. Macomber,	.38
Ebenezer Macomber,	2.25
Sally Myrick	1.69
Wm. H. Pierce,	.30
Stephen Pierce,	.19
O. A. Pierce,	.19
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Elkanah Pierce,	
Wm. Pierce,	5.25
Wm. S. Phillips estate,	3.00
Staples & Phillips,	7.50
F. A. Paull,	6.38
David Padelford,	1.13
James Paull,	4.50
Elias Phillip's estate,	2.63
Bernard Quigley's estate,	1.50
S. F. Staples,	.45
Sina A. Williams and others,	3.00
John E. Sanford,	1.50
Alpheus Sanford,	2.55
Abram Shores,	.56
Hathaway Tew's estate,	.30
Lloyd Williams' estate,	2.25
George Williams,	6.00
	3.75
James Wade,	1.31
Marshall Williams,	$\frac{1.51}{2.25}$
Ellen Willis,	
James Wetherell,	4.13
S. E. Williams,	6.75
F. K. Williams,	19.31
A. White & Co.,	5.25
A. L. Bliss,	22.32
Jacob Phillips,	2.63

FREETOWN.

D. H. Cudworth, W. H. Cudworth, Hathaway & Evans, Charles Hathaway, J. B. Gurney, T. G. Nichols, Nichols & Sampson, James Winslow, Apollos Webster, J. D. Winslow, J. D. Hathaway,	\$0.15 .23 2.25 1.88 .60 1.80 3.38 1.13 14.81 1.88 7.31
LAKEVILLE.	
C. Allen estate, J. Allen, E. Crane, Jirch Winslow estate, Job. Pierce, James Pierce, Elbridge Pierce, Amelia Paull, Enos Pierce, Susan Strobridge estate,	3.95 .45 9.00 13.05 .19 2.25 .53 1.80 .19 4.50
PROVIDENCE.	
William Seekell, J. D. Burt estate, F. H. Coombs, M. Haskins, Carissa Porter, F. D. Chester,	1.13 2.25 1.88 1.13 3.00 8.65
NEW BEDFORD.	
D. K. Andos, C. D. Burt, Caroline Morse, S. H. Whitmore,	14.25 .38 3.38 10.50
DIGHTON.	
Shove & Perry, C. N. Simmons, N. S. Simmon's estate, Charles E. Whitmarsh,	5.25 5.65 4.88 .45

FALL RIVER.

Edmund Chace and others,	\$9.75
Caroline Dean,	1.13
INDIANA.	
Jonathan Crane,	1.13
CAMBRIDGEPORT.	
John Crane estate,	15.38
CALIFORNIA.	
C. G. W. French,	8.63
BRIGHTON.	
Ambrose Hathaway,	3.75
RAYNHAM.	
Enoch Sanford,	1.50
ENGLAND.	
A. J. Roberts.	3.00

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Fellow Citizens:—

Our school year was completed the twenty-eighth day of February, by the close of the school at the Neck, which was suspended for two weeks, by reason of sickness among the pupils. The schools have been in session but twenty-six weeks, each. Critics may say that "our teachers are paid too much," but teachers that our means would not allow us to continue on with command far better salaries in other places. Normal teachers have been employed in all our schools, save one, but as most of our schools are so small there is not so much benefit derived as might have been expected had they been larger, as it is almost impossible for the teacher to create that interest in the small school which is essential to its success.

A wave of economy passed over our quiet town last year, which resulted in our already small appropriation being still farther reduced, causing your committee to dispense with the services of one of our best teachers by reason of being obliged to employ one for less salary, and reducing the length of the schools to almost the lowest point allowed by law; and as the sum raised for each scholar, before the reduction, was but a trifle above threefifths of the average for the State, any one can see that that retrenchment was not applied in the right direction.

Your committee were well pleased in having a proper school for some of our larger scholars that were unable to finish their course at the High School at Taunton, which will be of benefit to them, we trust, in completing their studies, as well as to the other pupils by their presence. As is almost always the case the largest school (Burt's Corner) exhibits the most improvement during the year, which comes from several causes, some of which are a fair sized school, the presence of advanced scholars, and a good teacher.

One feature in our schools we think is of great benefit to the scholars, that of singing, which draws them together by an invisible bond, creating that cheerfulness that is necessary to their advancement.

Three of our school-houses were painted during the past year, the Common, Burt's Corner, and at the Neck, at an expense of forty-five dollars.

The assessors of the town return one hundred and twenty-six scholars last year in lieu of one hundred and nineteen the year before.

SUMMER TERM.

No. of Schools.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Pupils.	Average Attend'nce	Over 15 Years.	Under 15 Years.	Wages per Week.
1	Nellie W. Winslow,	15	21	16	1	1	\$7.00
2	Julia R. Burt,	15	29	23	5		8.00
3	Sarah Crane,	15	18	16	1	2	8.00
4	S. Dillingham,	15	16	15			8.00
5	M. A. B. Wilbur,	15	13	10		2	5.00
6	Annie Harris,	15	16	12			7.00
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WINTER TERM.							

1	Nellie W. Winslow,		11	25	21	2		\$7.00
2	Julia R. Burt, .		11	35	29	7		9.00
3	H. L. Turner, .		11	21	19	5	2	7.00
4	S. Dillingham, .		11	17	14			8.00
5	M. A. B. Wilbur,		11	9	7		1	5.50
6	Annie Harris, .		11	15	12			7.00

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The foregoing table will present some statistics in regard to our schools.

In looking at the table for the Summer term it will be seen that taking from the whole number of scholars those that are over, and under fifteen years, that there are but one hundred and one pupils in attendance. In Winter but one hundred and five. Whereas the assessors returned one hundred and twenty-six scholars; there are twenty-five in Summer and twenty-one in Winter or one fifth in Summer and one sixth in Winter that do not attend school at all. This is not as it should be, as those absent could attend school without one cent more cost to the town and of great benefit to themselves in the future. It is hoped that parents and the children will exert themselves and make a better record in the future.

As a testimonial of merit we make mention of the scholars that have attended all the terms and not been tardy:

At the Common, Earnest Green and Arthur Hathaway; at Burt's Corner, Lizzie E., Annie M. and Angeline F. Hathaway, Leila M., Annie A. and Carrie A. Macomber, Everett M. Dean and Mary L. Smith; at the Bridge, Flora A. Pierce not tardy, Addie W. French and Horatio S. Haynes neither tardy or absent; at the Neck, Carrie M. Coombs, Ruth E. and Fanny Chase, Nellie Belcher, Jas. D. Dillingham, Hyram B. Chase, Lyman Grinnell and Bennie Coombs.

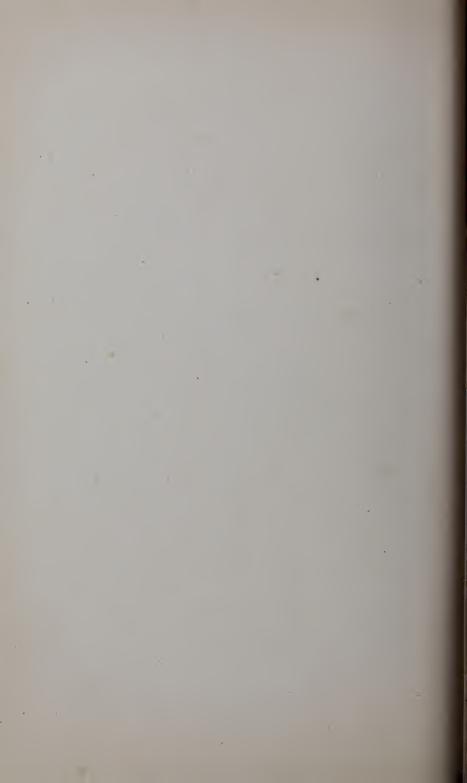
Charles B. and Willie M. Davis were not absent.

Mary L. Smith has not been absent a day for three years. An example worthy of imitation.

During the coming year it will be economy to paint two more of our school-houses, and the third is not worthy of a coat of paint. Almost all of our houses would be much improved by a coat of paint on the interior. The school-house at Burt's Corner needs repairs on the interior: a new floor, plastering, and new desks.

The school-house at the Common needs the floor fixed some, and new desks, as they are lower than the convenience of the pupils require. In conclusion your Committee call your attention to the condition of the school-house in the Northeast, as it is unfit for the scholars to use in winter. Your committee would recommend that a new house be provided in the immediate future.

 $\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{CALVIN T. CRANE,} \\ \text{BENJ. F. COOMBS,} \\ \text{ROLLIN H. BABBITT,} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \textit{School} \\ \textit{Committee.} \end{array}$



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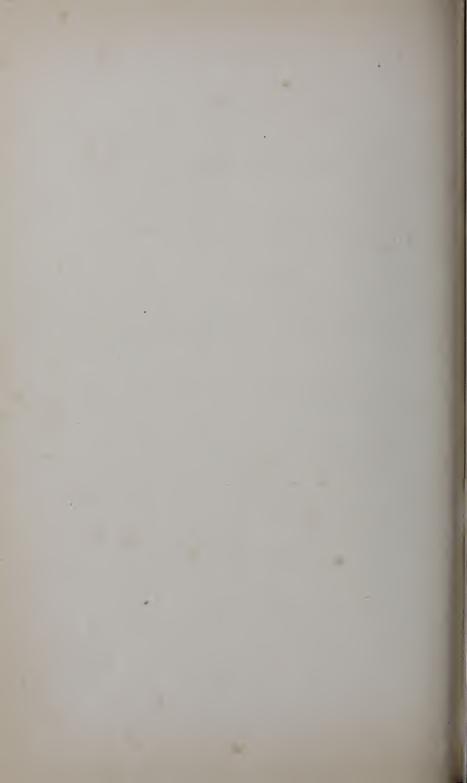
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TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year ending April 1, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

ash	in Treasury April 1st, 1879,	\$134.88	
	Two fish notes,	130.00	
	One oyster note,	1306.00	
•	Town of Middleboro,	6.75	
	Charles Norcutt's note and interest,	87.38	
	Corporation Tax,	10.17	
	National Bank Tax,	368.98	
	State Aid,	166.00	
	Relief of soldiers and sailors,	72.50	
	School fund,	212.47	
	Dog fund,	67.80	
	City of Fall River,	55.00	
	Addition to taxes,	15.50	
	State, County and Town Tax,	4077.32	
	Scholars out of town,	10.50	
	Received of Myricks,	800.00	
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\$7,521.25

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Julia R. Burt,	\$255.00	
66 66	56.00	
Isabella J. Frasier,	18.00	
Sarah Crane,	161.00	
H. L. Turner,	231.00	
S. P. Dillingham,	231.00	
M. A. B. Wilbur,	162.00	
Anna F. Cummings,	. 170.50	
H. L. Turner,	49.00	
E. M. Johnston,	158.00	
	-	\$1,491.50

B. B. Caswell, building fires, Irving Chase, "" John Gidmark, sawing wood, W. W. French, sawing and splitting wood,	\$1.75 2.25 .50 .50	
E. M. Smith, building fires,	1.75	
G. H. Myrick, wood,	2.00	
J. T. Townsend, "	76.67	
John Gidmark, sawing wood,	2.50	
W. T. Terry,	2.50	
C. S. Coombs, "	3.75	
Thomas H. Seekell, wood,	1.75	
J. E. Coombs, building fires,	3.50	
Ed. Horton, sawing wood,	4.25	
B. W. Macomber, "	3.75	
A. W. Strange, building fires,	3.50	
Ed. Smith, "	1.50	
Alfred Pierce, wood,	5.15	
F. Williams, building fires,	3.50	
E. M. Smith, "	3.50	
B. B. Caswell, "	3.50	
E. S. Macomber, "	6.45	
Henry C. Sanford,	7.50	
Ed. Smith, sawing wood,	1.50	
	 	\$1,635.02
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RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$1350.00	
State School Fund,	212.47	
Dog Fund,	67.80	
Scholars out of town,	10.50	
,		\$1,640.77
Ralungo duo caboole		\$5.75

EXPENDITURES.

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Machinists' National Bank, note,	\$500.00	
Interest on note,	17.59	
Lincoln's note,	300.00	
Interest on note,	3.50	
,		\$821.09

TOWN OFFICERS.

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J. A. Read, services, Clerk, postage and stat'ry, N. H. Strange, Treasurer and Collector, G. L. Leach, Assessor, and stationery, J. T. Townsend, "B. F. Chase, "R. H. Babbitt, services Sch. Com. 1878-79-80, B. F. Coombs, """ """ """ """ """ """ """ """ """ "	\$28.35 100.00 53.25 50.00 50.00 29.00 20.25 20.00 46.50 12.25 4.74 16.00 55.25 12.65	\$503.24
MILITARY AID.		
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B. F. Dean,	\$64.00	
William R. Smith,	24.00	
		\$88.00
STATE AID.		
Carlos C. Wellman,	\$120.00	
Lewis Greene,	36.00	
Bildad Williams,	18.00	
,		\$174.00
SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALL	MSHOUS	E.
Frederick French, Mrs. Hulda Seekell,	\$193.58	
Isaac Weaver,	$80.46 \\ 36.00$	
Ramsey family,	76.00	
Mrs. Thomas Rawley,	4.95	
Mahala Newhall,	26.35	
O. F. Hathaway,	81.00	
B. F. Dean,	36.00	
M. 1 1 N 1 11 1	50.00	

 $\begin{array}{c} 5.00 \\ 3.00 \end{array}$

\$542.34

Mahala Newhall, wood, B. F. Dean, wood,

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

B. L. Burt, nails,	\$2.50
G. B. Williams, lumber,	4.63
T. E. French, labor and sundries,	16.66
Barstow Stove Co.,	10.75
Ed. Washburn, furniture for schools,	6.20
Wm. H. Fox, legal advice.	7.50
C. T. Crane, sundries furnished school houses,	1.77
R. H. Babbitt, crayons, water-pail and dipper,	.95
" drawing desks from Taunton,	2.25
J. T. Townsend, serving on Committee,	5.00
Paid Taunton for Myricks' State and Co. Tax,	105.00
T. A. Briggs, labor and team,	3.37
Otis Read, care of Town Hall,	6.75
B. F. Coombs, sundries furnished schools,	8.02
C. M. Wade, Constable,	12.00
Dr. Hathaway, medical attendance,	11.00
Sinkage on taxes,	24.47
Discount on Taxes,	372.84
N. H. Strange, serving warrants,	10.00
" making out lists of tax payers,	2.50
T. G. Chase, building road scraper,	10.00
House rent for C. B. Hathaway,	6.00
P. H. Fletcher, set'g with Treas. and serv'g as Con	
Title Process of the Process and Doring and Con	
C. A. Hack, printing reports	
C. A. Hack, printing reports,	28.00
City of Taunton,	$28.00 \\ 800.00$
City of Taunton, Bal. due Calvin Belcher, agt. for town farm '79,	$ \begin{array}{r} 28.00 \\ 800.00 \\ 60.02 \end{array} $
City of Taunton, Bal. due Calvin Belcher, agt. for town farm '79, A. S. Dean, medical attendance,	$ \begin{array}{r} 28.00 \\ 800.00 \\ 60.02 \\ \hline 6.75 \end{array} $
City of Taunton, Bal. due Calvin Belcher, agt. for town farm '79, A. S. Dean, medical attendance, Fish to Middleboro,	$\begin{array}{c} 28.00 \\ 800.00 \\ 60.02 \\ 6.75 \\ 20.00 \end{array}$
City of Taunton, Bal. due Calvin Belcher, agt. for town farm '79, A. S. Dean, medical attendance, Fish to Middleboro, T. E. French, rep's on school houses No. 2 & 6,	$\begin{array}{c} 28.00 \\ 800.00 \\ 60.02 \\ 6.75 \\ 20.00 \\ 106.78 \end{array}$
City of Taunton, Bal. due Calvin Belcher, agt. for town farm '79, A. S. Dean, medical attendance, Fish to Middleboro, T. E. French, rep's on school houses No. 2 & 6, Jerome Babbitt, for pipe,	$28.00 \\ 800.00 \\ 60.02 \\ 6.75 \\ 20.00 \\ 106.78 \\ 2.28$
City of Taunton, Bal. due Calvin Belcher, agt. for town farm '79, A. S. Dean, medical attendance, Fish to Middleboro, T. E. French, rep's on school houses No. 2 & 6, Jerome Babbitt, for pipe, Willard & Lane, lead and oil,	28.00 800.00 60.02 6.75 20.00 106.78 2.28 24.33
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SNOW BILLS.

Seth F. Staples a	nd	others,	\$2.87	
George E. Boyce	66	66	2.82	
J. T. Cummings	66	66	2.75	
	66		2.18	
Frank Phillips,			1.35	
J. H. Cummings	66	66	4.12	
Bildad Williams,			.45	
J. T. Cummings,			1.62	
J. T. Townsend,	66	66	8.40	
,				\$26.06

MONEY PAID OUT BY SELECTMEN

FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY, AS FAR AS TREASURER KNOWS.

J. T. Townsend and others,	\$29.40	
Peter L. Chase,	7.50	
H. A. Dean, labor and gravel,	13.05	
		\$49.95

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

J. T. Cummings,	To 349 hour	rs labor,	$$43.62\frac{1}{2}$
Henry Hathaway,	100	"	12.50
Albert Pitts,	. 60	66	7.50
Charles Bissett,	65	66	$8.12\frac{1}{2}$
John Cameron,	46	6.6	5.75
Benj. Paull,	47 3-5	66	5.95
Bildad Williams,	45	"	$5.62\frac{1}{2}$
S. Albert Burt,	44	61	5.50
Elijah Wilbur,	45	66	$5.62\frac{1}{2}$
Samuel Phillips,	44	6.6	5.50^{-}
David Hoxie,	40	4.4	5.00
George Cole,	18	"	2.25
Capt. Geo. Cumming	$5\frac{1}{2}$	"	.69
Oliver E. French,		ds gravel,	8.80
Christopher P. Frenc	h, 152	"	6.08

Estate of S. B. Allen,	101 hours labor,	$12.62\frac{1}{2}$
66 66	126 loads gravel,	5.04
John A. Read,	94 hours labor,	11.75
66 66 66	56 loads gravel,	2.24
Giles L. Leach,	86 hours labor,	10.75
	12 loads gravel,	.48
Hercules Dean,	30 hours labor,	3.75
66 66	186 loads gravel,	7.44
Jason Cummings,	56 hours labor,	7.00
	37 loads gravel,	1.48
Sumner Briggs,	36 hours labor,	4.50
	8 loads gravel,	.32
Jason Cummings,	50 " "	2.00
Christopher French,	. • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	.24
J. T. Cummings,	70 hours labor,	8.75

\$206.85

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Herbert A. Dean,	123 hours labor,	\$15.37
	325 loads gravel,	13.00
Stephen Corey,	10 hours labor,	1.25
Charles F. Westgate,	43 " "	$5.37\frac{1}{2}$
Geo. H. Westgate,	149 " "	18.62
Willard F. Westgate,	102 "	10.20
Clarence W. Dean,	78 " "	9.75
Nathan G. Bowen,	87 " "	$10.87\frac{1}{2}$
Thomas B. Dean,	9	$1.12\frac{1}{2}$
Alvin Briggs,	42 " "	5.25
Silas Norcutt,	45 " "	$5.62\frac{1}{2}$
Samuel Norcutt,	35 " "	$4.37\frac{1}{2}$
William C. Macomber,	10 "	1.25
Enoch Macomber,	29 " "	$3.62\frac{1}{2}$
Geo. W. Westgate,	425 " "	$53.12\frac{1}{2}$
	200 loads gravel,	8.00
66 66	4 tons stone,	2.00
Barnard Norcutt,	18 hours labor,	2.25
Thomas C. Dean,	10 "	1.25
66 66 66	41 loads gravel,	1.64
Charles H. Norcutt,	5 hours labor,	$.62\frac{1}{2}$
Joseph Puffer,	47 "	$5.87\frac{1}{2}$
Frank A. Puffer,	17 " "	$2.12\frac{1}{2}$
Walter Phillips,	17 " "	$2.12\frac{1}{2}$
William Babbitt,	60 " "	7.50

William Boyce,	20 hours' labor,	2.50
William H. Smith,	12 "	1.50
Frederic Macomber,	15 " "	$1.87\frac{1}{2}$
Asa Reed,	10 " "	1.25
Charles Corey,	15 " "	1.871
James H. Macomber,	10 "	1.25
Horace N. Macomber,	25	$3.12\frac{1}{2}$
Isaac C. French,	57	$7.12\frac{1}{2}$
James E. Westgate,	50 " "	6.25
Geo. B. Williams,	lumber for bridge,	4.63

\$223.59

DISTRICT NO. 3.

	DINIMO	1 110		
Thomas A. Briggs,	52	hour	s labor,	\$8.50
Isaac Babbitt,	40	6.6	66	5.00
H. B. Babbitt,	84	6.6	66	10.50
Edward Babbitt,	23	6.6	66	2.87
W. H. S. Crane,	45	66	6.6	5.62
John C. Crane,	40	4.6	66	5.00
Adoniram Cummings,	100	66	- 66	12.50
J. H. Cummings,	164	66	6.6	20.50
Cyrus Hathaway,	36	66	66	4.50
Stephen Hathaway,	36	46	66	4.50
Albert Hathaway,	78	66	66	9.75
Gideon H. Myrick,	40	661	66	5.00
Francis Newhall,	68	66	66	8.50
John Gidmark,	28	66	66	3.50
S. H. Cudworth,	24	66	66	3.00
Samuel Covel,	10	66	66	1.25
Arthur E. Jones,	5	66	66	.62
Rolin H. Babbitt,	30	66	6.6	3.75
Thomas A. Briggs,	75	66	6.6	$9.37\frac{1}{2}$
Isaac Babbitt,	20	6.6	6.6	2.50^{-}
Rolin H. Babbitt,	40	56	66	5.00
H. B. Babbitt,	Ţ	olowi	ng,	.88
Samuel Covel,			s labor,	5.00
Simeon Briggs,	30	66	66	3.75
J. R. Ellsbree,	39	66	6.6	4.87
J. Gidmark,	5	66	66	$.62\frac{1}{2}$
G. H. Myrick,	40	66	66	5.00^{-}
J. W. Thrasher,	10	66	46	1.25
J. H. Cummings,	112	66	66	14.00
.8 /				

\$167.11

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Allen Gray, A. T. Gray, Peter L. Chase,	$\frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{8}$ days labor, $\frac{1}{2}$	\$3.12 .63 10.00
Benj. F. Chase,	1 " "	1.25
	gravel,	4.00
S. S. Pierce,	4 2-5 days labor,	5.50
John Boyce,	4 66 66	5.00
61 66	gravel,	60
Elisha Belcher,	1 9-10 days labor,	2.38
L. T. Belcher,	1 "	1.25
B. G. Hathaway,	, 8 ,, ,,	10.00
	gravel,	2.16
John Q. Dillingham,	8 7-10 days labor,	10.87
James D. Dillingham,	1	.63
Albert E. Dean,	14 " "	1.57
Walter D. Nichols,	10 " "	12.50
Benj. F. Coombs,	7 " "	8.75
Benj. Luther,	4 " "	5.00
Geo. L. Hammond,	9 7-10 " "	12.25
T. J. Tew,	gravel,	2.48
John Grinnell,	2 days labor,	2.50
Chas. A. Davis,	2	2.50
L. W. Luther,	1 " "	1.25
Benj. Phillips,	$2\frac{1}{2}$ " "	3.13
Geo. E. Boyce,	$20\frac{7}{2}$	25.62
Peter L. Chase,	6 6	5.25
Walter D. Nichols,	66	3.25
B. F. Chase,	gravel,	1.44
Geo. E. Boyce,	labor,	10.25
66 66	rails and posts,	.40
Chas. Record,	snow bill,	.75
J. Tew,	gravel,	.88

\$157.16

DISTRICT NO. 5.

E. Briggs,	136 l	hours	s labor,	\$17.00
J. D. Briggs,	42	4.6	66	5.25
Chester J. Briggs,	42	66	66	5.25
A. W, Allen,	60	66	66	7.50
J. F. Richmond,	28	66	66	3.50
Levi Bowker,	14	66	66	1.75

Thomas Terry,		33 h	ours	' labor,	$4.12\frac{1}{2}$
		41			$6.12\frac{1}{2}$
H. W. Clark,					_
66 .6 66		gr	ravel	,	.60
N. H. Strange,		64 l	ours	labor,	8.00
		(eart,	•	.15
Cyrus Haskins,		46 h	ours	labor,	5.75
G. P. Strange,		45	6.6	"	$5.63\frac{1}{2}$
J. W. Terry,		9	66	66	$1.12\frac{1}{2}$
D. T. Strange,		27	66	66	$3.37\frac{1}{2}$
E. E. Terry,		10	66	66	1.25
Charles Thomas,		13	66	66	$1.62\frac{1}{2}$
Alfred Pierce,		27	66	66	$3.37\frac{1}{2}$
Eliphalet Terry,		20	66	66	2.50
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\$83.88\frac{1}{2}

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Frank Phillips,	67 hours labor,	\$8.37
	29 loads gravel,	1.16
Charles F. Phillips,	50 hours labor,	6.25
John Harmon,	25 loads gravel,	1.00
F. D. Harmon,	20 hours labor,	2.50
N. G. Townsend,	67 " "	8.37
L. T. Townsend.	97 " "	12.12
Joseph Staples,	38 " "	4.75
" " "	23 loads gravel,	.92
Israel Chase,	14 hours labor,	1.75
"	51 loads gravel,	2.04
Elam Staples,	39 hours labor,	4.87
James E. Westgate,	30 " "	3.75
C. E. Viall,	15 " "	1.87
66 66 66	82 loads gravel,	3.28
William Caswell,	15 hours labor,	1.87
B. F. Cheney,	34 " "	4.25
Benj. Thrasher,	building a bridg	e, 5.00
66	29 loads gravel,	1.16
Isaac Seymore,	40 hours labor,	5.00
Phillip H. Fletcher,	66	10.00
Christopher French,	20 " "	2.50
George E. Westgate,	81 " "	10.12
Dean P. Westgate,	194 " "	24.25
Arthur White,		9.87
,		

\$137.02

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Elkanah Pierce,	$5\frac{1}{2}$ days & team, \$13.7. $1\frac{1}{4}$ 1.50	
	57 loads gravel, 1.7	
Timothy Staples,	4 days & team, 10.0	
John Willis,	21 " " 5.6	
John Staples,	$\frac{21}{24}$ " 2.8	
Charles White,	$\frac{1}{3}$ " $\frac{1}{3.7}$	
Silas Downing,	3 " 3.7	
E. R. Haskins,	$4\frac{1}{2}$ " 5.6	
Eben Macomber,	4 " 5.0	
"	246 loads gravel, 7.3	
Wm. Simms,	4 days, 5.0	
B. S. Haskins,	4 " 5.0	
Julius C. Haskins,	2 " dble. team, 7.5	
	hand 1 day, 1.2	
James H. Wade,	71 loads gravel, 2.1	
C. E. Viall,	$5\frac{1}{2}$ days, 6.8	
66 66 66	70 loads gravel, 2.1	
Jason Pittsley,	1 day, 1.2	5
Jacob C. Haskins,	4 days, 5.0	()
John Meac,	2 " & team, 5.0	0
Leander Terry,	4 " 5.0	0
George W. Macomber,	3 3.7	5
I. N. Horton,	1 day dble. team, 3.7	
	hand 1 day, 1.2	
Fred Horton,	1 day, 1.2	5
James Wade,	2 days & team, 5.0	0
66 66	plough, .2	25
	sharpning pick, .2	25
Russell Haskins,	1 day, 1.2	25
C. F. Paull,	2 days & team, 5.0	00
John Cushin,	1 day, 1.2	
Apollos B. Reed,	1.2	25
Lydia Haskins,	2 days & team, 5.0	
66	hand $1\frac{1}{2}$ day, 1.8	
Caroline Whitemore,	2 days, 2.5	0
Wm. H. Pierce,	2 " & team, 5.0	
George Turcot,	1 day, 1.2	25
Davis Allen,	54 loads gravel, 1.6	
Seth T. Staples,	$18\frac{1}{2}$ days & team, 46.2	
	hand $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, 8.1	12
66 66 66	45 loads gravel, 1.5	35

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Receipts,					\$7,521.25
Paid on a	cct. Schools,			\$1635.02	
66	Notes an	d Interest,		821.09	
66	Town Of	ficers,		503.24	
6.6	Military	Aid,		88.00	
66	State Aid	1,		174.00	
66	Poor out	of Almsho	ouse,	542.34	
66	Miscellar	ieous Bills	,	2330.14	
66	Snow Bil	ils,		26.06	
6.6	Money ex	xp'd for ro	ads by Sele	ect'n, 49.95	
46	Road bill	, District	No. 1,	206.85	
66	66	6.6	2,	223.59	
66	66	6.6	3,	167.11	
66	44	66	4,	157.16	
66	6.6	6.6	$\frac{4}{5}$,	83.88	
46	66	66	6,	137.02	
66	6.6	6.6	7,	204.27	
"]	Balance in ha	nds of Tre	easurer,	171.53	
					\$7,521.25

NOAH H. STRANGE, Treasurer and Collector of Berkley.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer have this day attended to that duty and find his charges correct and duly authenticated. We find in the hands of the Treasurer,

A balance of	•	\$171.53
Notes of Rob	pert Pettis of Prov	idence:
Due Jui	ne 1st, 1880,	1306.00
66	" 1881,	1306.00
6.6	" 1882,	1306.00
6.6	" 1883,	1306.00
6 6	" 1884,	1306.00
6 6	" 1885,	1306.00
Two fish not	es due June 1st, 1	880, 306.00

TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS.

By note, Machinists' National Bank,

\$500.00

D. S. BRIGGS, Committee to settle with Treasurer.

A true copy—Attest,

N. H. STRANGE, Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

Overseers of the Poor.

VALUATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM, AND CONDITION OF THE POOR THEREON, MARCH 26, 1880.

1 bay horse, \$140; 1 honest old horse, \$25,	\$165.00
7 cows, 259.00; 4 pigs, 32.00,	291.00
50 hens, 25.00; 3 turkeys, 6.00,	31.00
5 tons of hay, 90.00 ; $4\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of rye, 4.05 ,	94.05
$6\frac{1}{2}$ bushels corn, 4.55 ; 1 bbl sweet corn, 1.55 ,	6.10
$21\frac{1}{2}$ bushels potatoes, 10.75 ; 1 bbl pop corn, 2.75 ,	13.50
1 lot small potatoes, 2.00; 4 bushel turnips, 1.20,	3.20
37 lbs of ham, 3.70; 32 lbs of lard, 3.20,	6.90
175 lbs pork, 17.50; 7 lbs dried apples, .56,	18.06
30 gallons vinegar, 5.10; 1 bag of flour, 1.00,	6.10
1 clothes wringer, 7.00; 1 churn, 4.00,	11.00
2 tubs, 1.00; 1 whitewash brush, .60,	1.60
2 milk-pails, 1.00; 2 stable pails, .50,	1.50
1 sled and harrow, 3.00; 5 chains, 4.00,	7.00
1 apple parer, .90; 3 hoes, 1.00,	1.90
2 shovels, 1.50; 1 spade, .75,	2.25
3 manure forks, .75; 1 horse-rake, 4.00,	4.75
5 hay-forks, 1.00; 6 rakes, 1.00,	2.00
1 mowing machine, 50.00; 2 plows, 10.00,	60.00
1 lumber wagon, 55.00; 1 express wagon, 35.00,	90.00

1 rope and block, 1.50; harnesses, 18.00,	19.50
1 sleigh, 4.00; 1 bar and stone mall, 2.00,	6.00
1 stump hook, 1.50; 1 potato digger, 25,	1.75
1 narrow hoe and whiffletree,	1.00
1 wonkey wrench, .75; 1 M. shingles, 3.00,	3.75
2 ladders and drag rake,	1.50
3 axes, 1.50; 2 saws, 1.50; 1 horse-blanket, 1.00,	4.00
1 hay-rigging, 2.00; 1 grind-stone, 3.00,	5.00
120 rails, 10.00; 1 lot locust posts, 8.00,	18.00
3 scythes and snaths, 2.50; 4 corn-knives, .75,	3.25
10 cords of wood cut up at the door,	50.00
1 lot of wool	1.50
Total amount of valuation, 1880,	\$932.16

The amount of appraisal last year was \$933.46—\$1.30 more than for the present year.

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In setting with C. 1. Delcher, Agent at the Town Farm,	
we find that he has credited the town with sundries	
sold to the amount of	\$568.96
And charged the town with sundries bought to the	
amount of \$388.71	
To amount of Agents salary, 175.00	
In the Agent's hands, due the town, 5.25	
	\$568.96

There are but three paupers now at the Almshouse: John Westgate, age 54 years; Amanda French, age 77; and Esther Norcutt, whose age is not definitely known, but from the best information we can obtain she is 106 years old.

The cost of supporting (three) paupers at the Almshouse the past year, (which is the average number), reckoning interest on the farm, say \$200.00 Deducting amount in Agent's hands, 5.25

Total amount, \$194.75

which is a fraction less than \$1.25 per week for each pauper.

For the support of the poor out of the Almshouse the past year the town has paid the following amounts:

To Lydia Seekell,	\$80.96
Town of Brockton, for Thomas Rowley,	13.50
Orin F. Hathaway,	86.00
Mahala Newhall, groceries and funeral charges,	23.25
Isaac Weaver, State pauper,	36.00
Ramsey family, Fall River,	76.00
Benjamin F. Dean,	36.00
Mrs. Thomas Rowley,	4.95
Fred. H. French, at Taunton Insane Asylum,	
for board, 162.86; clothing, 30.72,	193.58

Amounting in all to

\$550.24

The City of Fall River has paid \$55.00 of the above bill, and there is now due from Fall River \$21.00, and also from the State \$36.00; (Provided) proper notices have heretofore been given to the State and Fall River. Deducting the amount paid and pending,

112.00

Net cost to support our town's poor out of the Almshouse, \$438.24

Twenty-five tramps have been suppered, lodged and breakfasted at the Almshouse during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BABBITT,
PETER L. CHASE,
ALBERT W. ALLEN,
Selectmen and
Overseers of Poor
of Berkley.

LIST OF TAXES FOR 1879.

S. B. Allen's Estate,	\$29.15
A. H. Allen,	2.58
E. H. Allen,	2.08
Davis Allen,	26.25
A. W. Allen,	2.33
Jethro Ashley,	14.83
Martin Alden,	21.76
Augustus Adams,	1.33
Benj. F. Anthony,	10.83
Polly and Rachel Burt,	1.00
G. B. Bosworth,	1.33
Abner Burt's Estate,	3.00
Holder Brightman,	1.58
Thomas Burt,	17.60
Caroline Burt,	6.00
S. A. Burt,	12.58
A. E. Burt,	1.83
D. S. Briggs,	17.73
C. S. Briggs,	7.78
Andrew Briggs,	2.33
Charles Bissett,	29.33
Maria Bissett's Estate,	5.50
Wm. Babbitt,	27.73
Wm. Babbitt and others,	10.00
Edward Babbitt,	12.58
Simeon Briggs' Estate,	14.75
Simeon Briggs, Jr.,	1.33
T. A. Briggs,	9.38
John D. Babbitt,	14.98
Adoniram Babbitt,	2 .33
R. H. Babbitt,	18.08
E. B. Babbitt,	26,33
H. B. Babbitt,	1.33
Isaac Babbitt,	28.08
G. H. Babbitt,	1.33
A. F. Bassett,	18.18

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Levi L. Bowker,		3.18
John Boyce,		24.23
D. E. Boyce,		1.33
G. E. Boyce,		23.64
Elisha Belcher,		6.08
Calvin Belcher,		4.33
Wm. H. Belcher,		1.33
Leonard T. Belcher,		1.33
E. D. Briggs,		11.23
Job D. Briggs,		1.33
Chester J. Briggs,	6	1.33
Sarah Burt,		.75
Joseph Burt's Estate,		4.50
Wealthy C. Boyce,		2.50
Tamerlane Burt's Estate.		45.10
T. T. Burt,		2.58
Marshal Briggs' Heirs,		2.50
Alvin Briggs,		19.03
N. G. T. Bowen,	•	22.38
Geo. H. Bowers,		22.33
Thomas Chafee,		1.33
John C. Crane,		23.58
W. H. S. Crane,		14.64
Samuel Covell,		15.98
George Crane,		1.33
Sarah Crane,		8.75
Adoniram Cummings,		10.08
Joseph H. Cummings,		1.33
B. F. Coombs,		27.46
Margaret Crane,		23.00
John Cameron,		2.33
Joseph T. Cummings,		8.48
George Cummings,		9.78
Jason Cummings,		13.83
		1.33
Jason Cummings, Jr.,		
Barzillia Crane's Estate,		11.50 11.08
Nathan G. Case,		
Charles Carey,		1.33
Abial B. Crane,		15.73
Stephen Corey,		11.33
Thomas G. Chase,	,	1.63
George W. Cummings,		2.33
Andrew H. Covell,		1.33
Charles E. Clark,		32.33
Charles E. Clark, Jr.,		1.33
John Clark,		1.33

Patrick Clark,	1.33
Benj. Crane's Estate,	2.50
Peter L. Chase,	38.43
Thomas H. Chase,	1.33
Benj. F. Chase,	20.73
Henry W. Clark,	
	11.08
Henry D. Clark,	1.33
Benj. F. Cheney,	6.63
Israel Chase,	8.98
Wm. Caswell,	20.43
Daniel Caswell,	1.33
Calvin T. Crane,	26.18
Samuel H. Cudworth.	11.08
Wm. H. Crowninshield,	2.00
George M. Cole,	1.33
John Cushing,	12.33
Abbie Chaffee,	 2.75
Samuel N. Crane,	1.33
Wm. A. Chamberlain,	5.33
Mrs. E. R. Clark,	5.00
James Darvell,	1.33
Vernon L. Dean,	1.33
Hercules Dean,	24.88
Thomas B. Dean,	1.33
Miles S. Dean,	16.63
Albert E. Dean,	1.33
Thomas C. Dean,	24.93
Thomas F. Dean,	23.03
Ebenezer Dean,	
Esther D. Dillingham,	25.63
John T. Dean's Estate,	21.50
	13.35
Charles A. Davis,	12.48
Sophia P. Dillingham,	6.00
James D. Dillingham,	1.33
Silas Downing,	5.73
John Q. Dillingham,	42.53
Herbert A. Dean,	93.53
Roland B. Eaton,	18.48
Theodore H. Eaton,	1.33
Joseph R. Ellsbree,	19.78
Isaac Ellis,	1.33
Jeremiah B. Ellsbree,	1.33
Wm. K. Evans,	14.83
Oliver E. French, .	21.28
Charles W. Farmer,	11.83
Mrs. Emily Farmer,	10.75

James O. French,		21.73
George W. Felch,		1.33
Timothy E. French,		7.08
Mary B. French,		1.40
Wm. W. French,	•	3.58
Christopher P. French,		15.33
Philip H. Fletcher,		54.23
George F. Fletcher,		3.08
Louis P. Fletcher,		2.58
John Gidmark,		1.33
Lewis Green,		1.83
Allen Gray,		14.68
Alexander T. Gray,		2.48
John Grinnell,		15.53
David Gaines,		1.33
C. H. Farnsworth,		1.33
		$\frac{1.33}{2.48}$
George L. Hammond,		
Wm. B. Haskins,		48.33
Shadrack Hathaway,		14.78
Enoch S. Hathaway,		2.33
Benj. Hathaway's Estate,		5.00
Henry Hathaway,		13.88
Rebecca C. Hathaway,		25.20
David Hoxie,		27.43
Edward B. Hathaway,		1.33
Elkanah Hathaway,		11.00
James H. Humphrey,		2.33
Otis Haskell,		2.28
Wm. H. Haskell,		1.33
James A. Haskell,		1.33
Thomas Hathaway,	•	1.33
Cyrus Hathaway,		14.68
Charles A. Hathaway,		2.08
Sarah J. Hathaway,		2.00
Albert Hathaway,		4.83
Rowena Hathaway,		.50
Cyrus Haskins,		2.33
James Hathaway's Estate,		7.05
Bradford G. Hathaway,		14.18
Peter Hathaway's Estate,		19.00
Cyrus Haskins Estate,		8.90
Michael Harrington,		1.33
George A. Harmon,		1.33
Freeman D. Harmon,		1.33
John Harmon,		9.73
George F. Howard,		1.33
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Augustus R. Haines,		5.33
Russell Haskins,		1.33
Stephen Hathaway,		18.88
Julius C. Haskins,		21.71
Charles R. Haskins,		2.07
Wm. W. Haskins,		1.33
Elam R. Haskins,		12.78
Benj. S. Haskins,		21.23
Catherine Harrington,		7.50
Cornelius Harrington,		1.83
Jacob C. Haskins,		1.48
Lydia G. Haskins,		17.60
Heirs of Fanny Haskins,		8.50
Heirs of Sarah J. Hoard,		5.25
		$\frac{3.23}{3.33}$
Isaac N. Horton,		
Daniel Hathaway,		1.33
Henry Haines,		1.33
Arthur Jones,		1.83
Sumner Knapp,		1.33
Giles L. Leach,		40.73
Obediah Lawton,		15.08
Simeon W. Luther,		1.83
Wm. F. Lincoln,		1.33
Benj. Luther,		20.75
Margaret Luther,		9.50
Frank Macomber,		1.83
John F. McDonald,		1.33
James H. Maeomber,		5.98
Enoch Macomber,		10.08
Horace Macomber,		3.43
Wm. C. Macomber,		1.33
Frederick Macomber,		1.33
Bradford W. Macomber,		1.00
Gideon W. Myrick,		17.58
John W. Meack,		9.48
Sarah C. Myrick, widow		23.00
do guardian		7.75
		13.83
Ebenezer Macomber,		
George W. Macomber,		32.93
Silas Norcut,		15.33
Samuel Norcut,		5.83
Bernard Norcut,		11.18
Betsey Newhall, widow		1.25
Francis Newhall,		21.83
Christopher Newhall,		1.50
Walter D. Nichols,		41.77

Albert Pitts,	108.82
Thomas Poole,	1.33
Walter H. Phillips,	1.33
Semuel W. Phillips,	5.33
Benj. Paull,	12.90
James F. Phillips,	1.33
Joseph W. Puffer,	8.83
Frank A. Puffer,	1.33
Andrew N. Pierce estate,	9.50
Darius Phillips estate	17.90
Jeremiah W. Pierce,	.90
Samuel S. Pierce,	4.88
Shepherd Phillips,	4.08
Alfred Pierce,	12.93
Franklin Phillips,	9.93
Charles F. Phillips,	1.73
Frederick Paull estate	22.00
Charles F. Paull,	1.33
James W. Paull,	1.33
Thomas P. Paull,	1.33
Paull Brothers,	23.40
Heirs of David R. Peirce,	4.00
Elkanah Pierce,	46.98
Wm. H. Pierce,	10.42
Jason Pittsley,	2.83
Joshua Padelford,	1.33
Willard Rounds,	2.08
John A. Read,	14.08
Asa W. Reed,	5.83
John F. Richmond,	12.43
David K. Richmond,	1.33
Mrs. Stephen C. Ramsdell,	.50
Apollos B. Read,	1.33
Heirs of Salmon Richmond,	10.00
Samuel H. Richmond,	1.33
William R. Smith,	1.32
Sinai Seekell, widow,	9.00
Thomas P. Staples,	5.48
Daniel D. Strange,	25.80
Noah H. Strange,	1.33
	37.00
Thomas Strange's estate,	4.48
George P. Strange, Philip A. Strange,	1.33
	1.70
Maria J. Strange,	20.43
David T. Strange,	$\begin{array}{c} 20.43 \\ 6.23 \end{array}$
Elam Staples,	0.25

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Charles F. Staples,	1.33
Darius Sanford,	7.83
Charles A. Shaw,	5.53
David F. Strange,	2.83
Joseph Staples,	13.03
	25.86
Isaac Seymour,	
Thomas H. Seekell,	22.68
William H. Smith,	8.36
Alfred Street,	1.33
Frank Sullivan,	1.33
John S. Staples,	22.63
Seth F. Staples,	18.93
Timothy Staples,	19.63
Henry Shove,	8.73
William Simms,	19.23
William G. Simms,	1.33
	1.33
Daniel Smith,	
George L. Turcott,	1.33
Leander Terry,	18.33
Thomas Thompson,	1.83
Jonathan W. Thrasher,	28.48
Charles O. Thrasher,	1.33
Charles F. Thrasher,	1.33
Benj. H. Thrasher,	5.48
Noah D. Thrasher,	12.08
John H. Thrasher,	8.98
John T. Townsend,	15.05
Nathaniel G. Townsend,	16.58
Thomas Terry,	10.23
Joseph W. Terry,	1.33
Eliphalet Terry,	
	1.33
Edward E. Terry,	1.33
Louis D. Terry,	1.33
Thomas J. Tew,	10.25
Gustavus Tripp,	6.33
Charles H. Thomas,	1.33
Cassius E. Viall,	17.40
Amanda Wilbur,	2.00
George W. Westgate,	11.63
George H. Westgate,	5.03
Eli Wardell,	1.33
James B. Westgate,	13.73
Charles F. Westgate,	1.33
Dean P. Westgate,	12.88
George E. Westgate,	1.33
Elijah Wilbur,	10.43

Arthur White,		1.33
Bildad Williams,		4.53
George Williams,		1.48
George F. Wilbur,		29.73
Charles H. Williams,		1.33
Caroline Williams widow,	1	4.50
James E. Westgate,		4.73
Andrew Waters,		9.53
John S. Willis,		16.78
James Wade,		21.28
Charles M. Wade		3.33
Heirs of Wm. Whitmore,		8.50
Charles S. White,		14.03
Carlos C. Wellman,		1.33
Theodore Wilbur,		2.23
Cong. Society,		4.14
L. Emma Haskins,		1.33
Hannah R. Howland,		1.33
Hannan It. Howland,		1.00

NON-RESIDENTS.

TAUNTON.

John Seekell, 7.00 George Seekell, 2.50 James H. Wade, 11.50 William Morse, 9.50 J. Frank Dean, 15.70 Charles F. Johnson, 5.55 Edward P. Macomber, 2.50 David C. Dean, 3.40 James I. Dean, 3.00 Charles W. Padelford, .30 Alvin T. Pierce, 1.00 Rufus Macomber, 16.20 William Burt, 3.00 Benjamin Burt, 4.00 Samuel B. Chase, 7.00 Anthony & Cushman, 6.50 David W. Dean, 7.50 Jacob Eldridge, 1.00 Israel French, 2.22		1110111011.	
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	Jacob Eldridge,		1.00
Geo. A. Field and others.	Israel French,		2.25
	Geo. A. Field and others,		15.00
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Enoch Goff,	.75
Staples & Godfrey,	$3.50 \\ .75$
Sylvia Hathaway,	.75
Enoch Hathaway's estate,	.50
George W. Hart,	
John W. Hart,	$\begin{array}{c} 5.50 \\ 6.50 \end{array}$
Edward O. Hart,	
James E. Hart,	1.75
Lysander Hart,	1.75
Henry B. Macomber,	4.00
Samuel W. Macomber,	6.00
William F. Macomber,	.50
Stephen Pierce,	.25
O. A. Pierce,	1.25
William Price,	7.00
Isaac Fish,	4.00
Staples & Phillips,	10.00
David Padelford,	1.75
James Paull,	5.00
Elias Phillips estate,	3.00
Bernard Quigley's estate,	2.00
Sinai A. Williams and others,	6.65
John E. Sanford,	2.00
Abram Shores,	6.60
Lloyd Williams estate,	3.00
George Williams,	8.00
Marshall Williams,	1.50
Ellen Willis,	3.00
James Wetherell,	5.50
S. E. Williams,	-9.50
F. K. Williams,	26.00
A. White & Co.	7.00
A. L. Bliss,	28.90
Jacob Phillips,	3.50
George S. Clark,	.25
Job Hamer,	4.00
Heirs of Oliver Soper,	.50
James Gillespie,	1.00
FREETOWN.	
D. H. Cudworth.	.20
William H. Cudworth,	.30
Hathaway & Evans,	2.50
Charles Hathaway,	$\frac{2.50}{2.50}$
Jonathan Gurney,	.80
Thomas G. Nichols,	2.40
Thomas G. Ivienois,	2.40

Nichols & Sampson,		4.50		
James Winslow,		1.50		
Apollos Webster,		19.75		
J. D. Wilson,		$\frac{13.75}{2.50}$		
J. D. Hathaway,		9.75		
Mrs. J. W. Pickens,		16.00		
Charles H. Briggs,				
James McGuire,		1.00		
George Pierce,		$\frac{17.90}{15.50}$		
		10.00		
LAKEVILLE.		= 00		
Clothier Allen's estate,		5.00		
John Allen,		.60		
J. F. Allen,		5.50		
Ebenezer Crane,		12.00		
Jirch Winslow's estate,		19.40		
William Canedy,		1.50		
Job Pierce,		.25		
James Pierce,		2.50		
E. E. Pierce,		2.20		
Amelia Paull,		2.00		
Enos Pierce,		.25		
Susan Strowbridge,		4.50		
H. C. Pickens,		5.00		
C. O. Elmes,		5.00		
Charles Farmer,		.80		
Jeremiah Murphy,		4.50		
J. R. Pierce,		2.65		
Abram Pierce,		1.00		
NEW BEDFORD.				
D. K. Andros,		18.50		
C. D. Burt,		.50		
Caroline Morse,		4.50		
S. H. Whitmore,		14.00		
R. Macomber and H. Brightman,		20.50		
S. B. Hamlin,		2.00		
PORTSMOUTH, R. I.				
Abbie J. Chase,		4.00		
,		1.00		
PROVIDENCE, R. I.		1 00		
William Seekell,		1.00		
Malachi Haskins,		8.50		
F. D. Chester,		11.35		
Clarissa Porter,		4.00		
George W. Crowningshield,		5.25		
C. T. Dean,		4.00		

DIGHTON.

Shove & Perry,	7.00
C. N. Simmons,	7.50
Noble S. Simmons,	6.50
C. E. Whitmarsh,	.60
FALL RIVER.	
Edmund Chase and others,	12.50
Caroline Dean,	1.50
INDIANA.	
Jonathan Crane,	1.50
CAMBRIDGEPORT.	
John Crane's estate, .	20.50
ARIZONA.	20100
C. G. W. French,	10.00
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BRIGHTON.	
Ambrose Hathaway,	5.00
RAYNHAM,	
Enoch Sanford,	2.00
ENGLAND.	
A. J. Roberts,	3.50
,	9.00
REHOBOTH.	
William W. Blanding,	11.00
Bathsheba Goff,	2.50
BOSTON.	
G. W. Pierce,	2.30
B. C. F. & N. B. R. R.	30.00
VERMONT,	
Sumner Thompson,	5.00



SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Committee of the Town of Berkley respectfully submit the following as their Report for the past school year, 1879-80:

There have been seven separate schools sustained in town the past year, of seven and three-quarters months' duration each.

The whole number of scholars in town on the first day of May last, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, was 152, as returned to us by the Assessors of the town. Number between 8 and 14 years of age, 94.

The whole number of different scholars attending the Spring term was 153; Fall term, 145; Winter term, 147.

Whole number attending the Spring term between the ages of 5 and 15 years, 117; Fall term, 130; Winter term, 122.

Whole number attending school during the year under 5 years of age, 8; over 15 years, 25.

The total number of all ages enrolled on our school register is 171. The average number belonging is 131. The average attendance is 101. The per cent. of attendance, based on the average number belonging, is 77.

Comparing our per cent. of attendance with some other schools not in town, it seems to us too small, and that an effort should be made by the parents to raise our standard. Every parent should feel the deepest interest in his children, and is responsible in a great measure for their success and happiness in the future. And in what way can he more certainly cripple, dwarf and disqualify him for future prosperity and happiness than by neglecting his mental and moral culture? both of which are intended to be cultivated in our public schools.

In reviewing the school year just closed, we can do so with some degree of satisfaction, believing that some progress has been made in our public schools as a whole, and feeling sure that the money intrusted to us has not been wasted.

With the annexation of new territory to our town our cares and responsibilities have also increased, and although we had some apprehensions and felt some anxiety as to the result of the change in the management of the school, yet we believe there has been general satisfaction. Harmony and good-will seem to prevail, and a good degree of progress is apparent.

We are glad to see a growing interest manifested by the parents of children attending our public schools, and others who make frequent calls to see the schools when in session, and thus inform themselves about their merits, encouraging the children by their presence to renewed efforts up the hill of knowledge. And especially do we commend the interest which one worthy minister in town has manifested, by visiting all of our schools and speaking words of encouragement and cheer to both teachers and scholars.

During the past year we have painted two of our school-houses—Nos. 3 and 5—outside, at a cost of about \$40.00, and have remodelled the inside of the Burt's Corner school-house, put in new floor and desks, new plastering, and hard-finish black-board, new window springs, and painted inside, and other repairs, at a cost of \$201.75.

The school-house at the Common needs the same treatment that the Burt's Corner one has received the past year, and then five of our houses will be in fair condition for the use intended.

But what shall we say of Number Six? Last year your Committee recommended a new school-house there in the immediate future. That time has fully come, and your Committee hope the town will take immediate action in this matter, and have a suitable house ready for use at the commencement of our Winter school term.

The following table will show at a glance the attendance, average, and per cent. of each of our schools, with other interesting statistics carefully prepared, and submitted by your Committee.

CALVIN T. CRANE, B. F. COOMBS, ROLIN H. BABBITT.

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Town Grant. Rec'd from State Sch. Fund, Dog Tax Fund, From out-of-town scholars, Expended, Balance,	Hannah L. Turner, Lizzie M. Johnston,	Annie F. Cummings,	M. A. B. Wilbur,	S. P. D. Dillingham,	Hannah L. Turner,	Julia R. Burt, Isabella J. Fraser, Sarah Crane,	Julia R. Burt,			NAMES OF TEACHERS.	
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury April 1st, 1880,	\$171.53	
Two fish notes,	256.00	
One oyster note,	1,306.00	
City Fall River,	21.00	
Hired of Machinists National Bank,	300.00	
School Fund,	214.85	
Corporation Tax,	29.38	
National Bank Tax,	437.72	
State Aid,	174.00	
Relief for Indigent soldiers.	36.00	
Burial State Pauper, (I. Weaver,)	10.00	
Dog fund,	69.07	
Scholars out of town,	5.75	
State, County and Town Tax,	4.688.42	
Addition to taxes,	7.00	
Interest on taxes,	1.60	
	-	\$7,728.32

EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS.

Lizzie D. French,	\$50.00	
Julia R. Burt,	252.00	
E. M. Johnston,	244.00	
H. L. Turner,	70.00	
M. A. B. Wilbur,	184.00	
A. F. Cummings,	50.00	
Annie M. Bowers,	50.00	
Annie P. Moore,	50.00	
N. J. Phillips,	50.00	
C. L. Hollis,	182.00	
S. P. Dillingham,	182.00	
A. R. Street,	112.00	
P. C. Porter,	112.00	
		\$1,588.00

EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS—Continued.

T. A. Briggs, wood and sawing,	\$14.12	
Alfred Pierce, wood,	2.00	
A. W. Allen, "	10.00	
Wm. Caswell, "	20.00	
Henry Sanford, sawing wood,	7.50	
C. M. Wade, wood,	10.00	
Hercules Dean, "	12.00	
F. B. Terry, sawing wood,	3.75	
Gardner Bosworth. "	1.75	
C. S. Coombs,	3.38	
D. F. Richmond, "	50	
A. A. Case, building fires,	3.50	
G. H. Myrick, wood,	4.00	
A. W. Allen, "	2.00	
B. E. Townsend, building fires,	3.50	
T. F. Dean, wood,	7.00	
Willie Westgate, sawing wood,	3.75	
Ellie Smith, building fires,	3.50	
A. W. Strange, building fires and sawing wood,	4.25	
E. S. Macomber, "	4.81	
F. L. Williams, sawing wood,	30	
George Hammond, building fires,	3.50	
T. W. Dean, "	3.50	
		\$1,71

RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOLS.

6.61

Town appropriation,	\$1,400.00	
School Fund,	214.85	
Dog Fund,	69.07	
Scholars out of town,	5.75	
,	-	\$1,689,67

EXPENDITURES.

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Machinists	' Nationa	al Bank,	note,	\$500.00	
4.6	66	66	66	300.00	
Interest or	note,			3.46	
	,				\$803.46

TOWN OFFICERS.

Wm. Babbitt, service as Selectman, " cash paid out, A. W. Allen, service Selectman, P. L. Chace, " " W. D. Nichols, service School Committee, " money paid out, B. F. Coombs, service as School Committee, T. P. Paull, " cash paid out, J. A. Read, service as Town Clerk, N. H. Strange, Collector and Treasurer, B. F. Chase, Assessor, G. L. Leach, " Books & Stationary, B. S. Haskins, Assessor,	\$66.00 14.84 15.50 15.00 30.00 1.40 11.25 22.75 22.30 24.70 74.00 38.75 43.75 2.25 32.50	\$414.99
STATE AID.		
Carlos C. Wellman, Lewis Green, Bildad Williams,	\$120.00 36.00 18.60	\$174.00
MILITARY AID.		
Wm. Smith, 13 months, B. F. Dean, ""	\$140.00 104.00	\$244.00
SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF A	ALMSHOUS	SE.
Taunton Hospital, F. French, Mercy Seekell, City of Taunton, Abigail Briggs, Bradford and Henry Macomber, Abby Seekell, C. B. Hathaway, O. F. Hathaway, Harriet Ramsey, coal, Ross, Charles Norcutt, Town of Brockton, Mrs. Thomas Rowley,	\$194.31 66.92 25.69 33.00 113.00 18.45 116.50 5.75 1.00 3.03 13.50	\$591.15

SNOW BILLS.

S. H. Cudworth,	\$1.00
S. F. Staples,	1.87
H. B. Babbitt and others,	2.84

\$5.71

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Printing Reports, E. Davol,	\$32.00
Wm. Babbitt, serving as Committee in 1879,	5.00
J. C. Standish, taking care B. & Dighton bridg	e, 41.25
" repairs on bridge,	9.33
Henry Bullock, painting guide boards,	18.25
D. S. Briggs, settling with Treasurer,	1.00
Town of Middleboro, taking care of fish,	20.00
J. C. Standish, taking care B. & Dighton bridg	
Alexander Swift, making sign boards,	6.00
W. H. S. Crane, 1 post and putting up boards,	
County Tax,	350.33
Fuller & Bennett, legal advice,	7.00
G. L. Hammond, cleaning school house,	1.50
State Tax.	270.00
	5.00
B. H. Thrasher, guide post and setting,	
J. A. Read, repairs on school house and sundrie	
A. W. Allen, guide post and setting,	2.10
N. G. Case, repairing, plastering & blackboard	
W. H. S. Crane, serving warrants,	10.00
" " handbills and handcuffs,	4.00
" " settling with Treasurer,	1.00
" " repairs on school house,	1.50
Sinkage on taxes,	30.10
B. L. Burt, sundries for school house,	1.54
Discount on taxes,	431.69
B. F. Coombs, repairs on school house,	4.00
N. H. Strange, sundries,	3.50
B. L. Burt, sundries for school house,	.84

\$1,314.08

SCHOOL HOUSE IN NO. 6.

School house lot, J. Staples,	\$25.00,
G. W. Westgate, laying foundation,	35.00
Isaac Pierce, labor,	416.00
	400.00

H. H. Gnello, painting and graining,	30.00	
Furniture,	108.97	
S. F. Colwill, bolts,	.50	
W. H. Newcomb, blinds &c.,	11.75	
Jerome Babbitt, pipe,	13.02	
F. R. Washburn, sundries,	1.79	
T. P. Paull, writing contract and work on lot,	15.18	
G. M. Cole, work on lot,	10.00	
J. T. Townsend and others, work on lot,	29.40	
P. H. Fletcher, "" "" ""	62.00	
Dighton Furnace Co., stove,	12.00	
-		\$1,170.61

EXPENDED BY SELECTMEN ON HIGHWAY.

T. H. Eaton, labo	r on	highy	vays,		\$10.25	
R. B. Eaton,	66		•		7.75	
P. L. Chase,	66	66			31.75	
A. W. Allen,	66	. "			21.00	
R. H. Eaton,	66	66			6.00	
D. F. Strange,	66	66		1	6.12	
C. E. Viall,	66	66			2.50	
T. C. Dean,	66	4.6			12.17	
N. G. Townsend,	66	6.6			8.75	
J. T. Townsend,	66	6.6			38.00	
Wm. Caswell,	66	66	and gravel,		22.73	
Stephen Cory,	66	66			2.75	
						\$169.77

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Albert Pitts,		184	hours	labor,	\$23.00
David Hoxie,		40	66	66	5.00
"			gravel	l ,	.64
Henry Hathaway,		80	hours	labor,	10.00
D. S. Briggs,		10	6.6	6.6	1.25
G. L. Leach,	h	120	6.6	66	15.00
Elijah Wilbur,		40	6.6	66	5.00
Charles Bissett,		80	6.6	4.6	10.00
Capt. Geo. Cummings,		6	6.6	66	.75
Bildad Williams,		30	6.6	4.6	3.75
Samuel Phillips,		36	66	66	4.50

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John A. Reed,		81	4.6	6.6	10.13
Oliver French,		20	6.6	6.	2.50
66			gravel.		.60
Jason Cummings,				labor,	3.75
John Cameron,		60	66	66	7.50
Albert Burt,		20	4.4	6.6	2.50
Fred Williams,		20	66	4.6	2.50
E. H. Allen,		120	66	6.6	15.00
A. H. Allen,		120	4.6	66	15.00
		70	6.6	6 6	8.75
	team,	55	66		6.87
E. H. Allen,	,	55	66	66	6.87
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George Cummings,	,	6	66	4.6	.75
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					\$168.48
	DISTRICT NO	. 2.			
T. T. Burt,		947	hours	labor,	\$30.87
Stephen Cory,		30		6.	3.75
Geo. A. Norcutt,		35		6.6	4.37
Horace Macomber,		40		6.6	5.00
Enoch Macomber,		11		6.6	1.371
Alvin Briggs,		90		6.6	11.25
H. A. Dean,		70		66	8.75
11. A. Dean,				gravel,	1.60
Barnard Norcutt,				labor,	1.00
James Macomber,		30	66	66	3.75
Chas. Westgate,		65	6.6	6.6	$8.12\frac{1}{2}$
Chas. Cory.		83		66	$10.37\frac{1}{3}$
Shep. Phillips,		43		66	$5.37\frac{1}{2}$
Silas Norcutt,		128	6.6	66	16.00
MILES TIOICHEE		140			10.00

Walter Phillips,

Henry Westgate,

Nathan Bowen,

Miles Dean,

Otis Haskell,

Geo. B. Westgate,

Capt. Sam'l Norcutt,

Caleb Briggs,

Irving Chase,

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1.25

 $1.87\frac{1}{2}$

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1.12

DISTRICT No. 3.

Jethro Ashley,				labor,		\$1.38
Adoniram Babbitt,		20	6.6	6.6		2.50
"	team,	20	6.6		-	2.50
Edward Babbitt,		25	66	66		3.13
Isaac Babbitt,		32	6.6	6.6		4.00
66 66	team,	25	6.6	6.6		3.13
"	post and poles,					2.00
H. B. Babbitt,		116	"	66		14.50
66 66	double team,	38	66	66		9.50
T. A. Briggs,		38	"	66		4.75
	team,	25	6.6			3.13
66 66	stones for bridge,					1.50
S. Covel,		274	6.6	66		3.41
66 66	team,	$12\frac{1}{4}$	66			1.54
J. C. Crane,		$3\tilde{3}$	66	6.6		4.13
	team,	15	6.6	66		1.87
W. H. S. Crane,	,	28	6.6	66		3.50
	team,	15	6.6			1.88
George Crane,	·	10	6.6	6.6		1.25
A. Cummings,		18	66	66		2.25
" "	team	, 8	66			1.00
J. R. Elsbree,		18	66	66		2.25
	double team,	10	6.6			2.50
W. B. Haskins,	,	50	66	66		6.25
66 66 66	double team,	30	66			7.50
Stephen Hathaway,	,	$22\frac{1}{2}$	66	66 4		2.82
	team,	15	66	-		1.88
"	spikes,					.15
Cyrus Hathaway,	·	15	66	66		1.87
	team,	15	66			1.88
Albert Hathaway,	,	15	66	66		1.88
A. E. Jones,		10	66	66		1.25
G. H. Myrick,		50	66	66		6.25
66 66 66	team,	20	66			$\frac{0.20}{2.50}$
F. Newhall,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	$37\frac{1}{2}$	66	66		4.69
66 66	team,	$\frac{25}{25}$	66			3.13
J. W. Thrasher,	, courting	10	66	6.6		1.25
66 66 66	team,	10	66			1.25
	- Journs					1.20

\$122.15

DILTRICT No. 4.

Peter L. Chase,	3.4	ays and plow,	\$4.25
B. F. Chase,	o u	gravel,	6.16
Geo. E. Boyce,	17 '		21.25
John Boyce,	4 4		5.00
Elisha Belcher,			
B. G. Hathaway,	7 .		1.25
	1 6	and Sittle	9.50
Abisha Pittsley,			1.25
James D. Dillingham,	L.	.6	1.25
J. Q. Dillingham,	$8\frac{1}{2}$ '		10.63
W. D. Nichols,	€'		11.25
Geo. L. Hammond,	41/2	• •	5.63
B. F. Coombs,	6		7 50
Benj. Luther,	3 6	.6	3.75
Benj. Phillips,	$2\frac{1}{2}$ 6	.6	3.13
John Grinnell,	$\frac{5}{2}$		2.50
James Maguire,	2		2.50
B. F. Coombs,		gravel,	2.40
John Boyce,			.32
S. W. Luther,	1 '	"	1.25
C. A. Davis,	2 .		2.50
John Grinnell,	1 4		1.25
		\$	104 52

DISTRICT No. 5.

20	hours at	12½c.	\$2.50
10	4.4		1.25
5	6.6	6.6	.623
52	6.6	66	$6.5\overline{0}$
29	6.6	6.6	$3.62\frac{1}{2}$
28	6.6	66	$3.5\overline{0}$
91	66	66	$11.87\frac{1}{2}$
20	66	66	2.50
116	6.6	66	14.50
30	66	66	3 75
55	6.6	6.6	$6.87\frac{1}{2}$
$47\frac{1}{2}$	6.6	6.6	5.93
40	66	66	5.00
10	6.6	66	1.25
10	6.6	6.6	1.25
120	66	66	15.00
40	66	6.6	5.00
	$ \begin{array}{c} 10 \\ 5 \\ 29 \\ 28 \\ 91 \\ 20 \\ 116 \\ 30 \\ 55 \\ 47\frac{1}{2} \\ 40 \\ 10 \\ 120 \\ \end{array} $	10	10

Henry D. Clark,	25	66	66	$3.12\frac{1}{2}$
David F. Strange,	5	6.6	66	$.62\frac{1}{2}$
N. H. Strange,	72	66	6.6	9.00
A			0.00	\$103.68

DISTRICT No. 6.

Benj. H. Thrasher, 345 hours la	abor &	team,	owder, fuse,	$$43.12\frac{1}{2}$
B. F. Cheney,	37	hours la	abor at 12½c.	$4.62\frac{1}{2}$
F. D. Harmon,	651	66	66	$8.15\frac{1}{2}$
George Cole,	108	46	66	13.50
Wm. Caswell,	97	"	66	$12.12\frac{1}{2}$
Geo. A. Harmon,	43	"	66	$5.37\frac{1}{2}$
Samuel Macomber,	110	66	66	13.75
N. G. Townsend,	155	66	66	$19.37\frac{1}{2}$
Joseph Staples,	56	•6	"	7.00
C. Viall,	138	"	and gravel,	20.43
Isaac Seymore,	91	4.6	ζ ,	$11\ 37\frac{1}{2}$
Israel Chase,	10	and gra	ivel,	8.45
Henry Dyer,	20	""	·	2.50
Dean P. Westgate,	35	66		$4.37\frac{1}{2}$
Christopher French,	35	6.	labor & grav	vel, 4.15
P. H. Fletcher,		,	"	15.00
				\$193.31

DISTRICT No. 7.

I. N. Horton,	40 ł	ours	labor,	\$5.00
Elam R. Haskins,	61	66	66	7.62
John Meack,	73	66	66	9.12
George Macomber,	108	66	66	13.50
Leander Terry,	$62\frac{1}{2}$. 6	66	7.80
Wm. Simms,	40	66	66	5.00
C. F. Paull,	80	66	66	10.00
" " 16 loads gravel, 3 cts.,				.48
Timothy Staples,	80	66	66	10.00
James Wade,	40	66	66	5.00
James H. Wade, 75 loads gravel,		,		2.25
Mrs. J. W. Pickens, 240 " "				7.20
Joshua Padelford,	10	66	66	1.25
Jacob C. Haskins,	10	66	66	1.25

George L. Turcott,		10	66	66	1.25
John F. Cushing,		10	66	6.6	1.25
Eli Wardell,		10	66	66	1.25
Julius C. Haskins,		100	66	46	12.50
John Cushing,		$17\frac{1}{2}$	66	66	2.18
A. B. Reed,		$1\overline{0}$	44	66	1 25
Chas. White,		25	66	66	3.11
C. R Haskins,		$14\frac{1}{2}$	66	6.6	1.81
F. S. Macomber,		11	66	66	1.37
John Staples,		10		66	1 25
Azariah H. Petty,		$14\frac{1}{2}$	66	66	1.81
R. B. Eaton,		32	66	4.6	4.00
T. Eaton,		10	66	**	1.25
John Willis,		60	6:	66	7.50
Elkanah Pierce,		110	6.6	44	13.75
66	75 loads gravel,				8.01
C. E. Vial,	50				1.50
C. H. Wade,		$16\frac{1}{2}$	- 6	. 6	2.06
Benj. Haskins,		30	66	66	3.75
C. Harrington,		30	66	66	3.75
Wm. H. Pierce,		15	6 6		1.87
Henry Shove,		15	66	• 6	1.87
Mrs. S. Myrick,		60	66	66	7.50
Seth F. Staples,		$388\frac{1}{2}$	• •	66	48.54
	10 loads gravel,				.30
Russell Haskins,		40	6.6	6.6	5.00

\$225.15

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Receipts,		\$7,728.32
Expended for	Schools, \$1,716.61	
	Notes and Interest, 803.46	
"	Town Officers, 414.99	
"	State Aid, 174.00	
66 66	Military Aid, 244.00	
	Support Poor out Almshouse, 591.15	
	Snow Bills, 5.75	
"	Miscellaneous Bills, 1,314.08	
66 66	School House in No. 6, 1,170.61	
" by Se	electmen on Highways, 169.77	
	oad Bills, No. 1, 168.48	
66 66		
66 66	" No. 3, 122.15	
66 66	" No. 4, 104.52	
66 66	" No. 5, 103.68	
66 66 6	" No. 6, 193.31	
66 66 6	" No. 7, 225.15	
Balance in ha	ands of Treasurer, 69.68	
		\$7,728.32

NOAH H. STRANGE,

Treasurer and Collector of Berkley.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer have this day attended to that duty and find his charges correct and duly authenticated. We find in the hands of the Treasurer,

A balance	e of			\$69.68
Notes of	Rober	t Pe	ettis of Providence:	
			1881,	1,306.00
6.6	66	6.6	1882,	1,306.00
66	6.6	66	1883,	1,306.00
6.6	66	6.6	1884,	1,306.00
"	6.6	66	1885,	1,306.00
Two fish	notes	due	June 1st, 1881,	159.00

WALTER D. NICHOLS, Committee to settle with Treasurer.

A ture copy—Attest,

N. H. STRANGE, Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

Overseers of the Poor.

The following is the valuation of the personal property of the Town of Berkley, found at the Town Farm of said Berkley March 21, 1881, together with the condition of the paupers thereat:

1 Bay horse, \$140; 1 old horse, 25,	\$165.00
5 Cows at 37; 3 shoats, 35,	220.00
4 Turkeys, 8; 50 hens, 25,	33.00
1 Calf, 12; \(\frac{3}{4}\) ton swale hay, 9,	21.00
5½ Tons English hay at 21; 1 ton bl'k hay at 15,	130.50
4 Bushels rye, 1; $5\frac{1}{2}$ bushels corn at 70c.,	7.85
$1\frac{1}{2}$ Bushels corn, 1; 1 thousand shingles, 3.50,	4.50
1 Monkey wrench, 75c.; 3 scythes and snaths, 2.50,	3.25
11 Cords wood cut up at the door at 5,	55.00
120 Rails, 9; locust poles and posts, 8,	17.00
1 Grindstone, 3; 6 bushels potatoes at 90c.,	8.40
4 Bushels turnips at 50c.; 1 ham, 2.67; 25 lbs. lard a	at 20c, 9.67
175 Lbs. pork at 10c.; 10 lbs. dried apples at 7c.,	18.20
1 Churn, 4; 45 gallons vinegar at 15c.,	10.75
1 Clothes wringer, 7; 2 tubs, 1,	8.00
1 Whitewash brush, 60c.; 2 milk-pails, 1,	1.60
2 Stable pails, 50c.; 22 milk-pans, 2,	2.50

1 Apple parer, 90c.; sled and harrow, 3,		3.90
1 Iron bar and sledge, 2; 5 chains, 4,		6.00
3 Hoes, 1; 2 shovels and 1 spade, 1.75,		2.85
3 Manure forks, 75c.; 1 old sleigh, 4,		4.75
1 Horse rake, 4; 1 mowing machine, 50,		54.00
2 Plows, 10; 5 hay folks, 1; 5 rakes, 1,		12.00
1 Farm wagon, 50; 1 express wagon, 35,		85.00
1 Tackle and fall, 1.50; harnesses, 18,		19.50
1 Stump hook, 1.50; 2 ladders and rakes, 1.50,		3.00
5 Hoes and 1 digger, 1; hoe and whiffletree, 1,		2.00
3 Axes, 1.50; 2 saws, 1.50,		3.00
1 Horse blanket, 50c.; hay rigging, 1,	•	1.50
Total, 1881,		\$913.62
Total, 1880,		\$932.16

The total valuation of 1881 is \$18.54 less than the valuation of 1880.

	T. Belcher, Agent a at he has charged h him amounting to		\$ 591.97
And has charged the t	own with sundry supp	olies bought	
by him amounting	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	449.82	
And with his salary o	•	200.00	
-	•		
	Total against town,	\$649.82	
j	Leaving the sum of		\$57.85
due him, for which su	m we have given hir	n an order	
upon the Town T			

\$649.82

There are four paupers at the almshouse, viz:—John Hall, aged 73 years; John Westgate, aged 55 years; Amanda French, aged 78 years, and Esther Norcut, supposed to have arrived at the great age of 95 years.

The cost of supporting three and one-tenth paupers, (being the average during the past year) has been

Interest on farm say, Balance of Agent's salary, \$200.00 57.85

\$257.85

This makes the cost of supporting each pauper at the almshouse \$1.60 per week. They seem to have been well cared for.—Travelers or tramps have been fed and lodged at the almshouse during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{WALTER D. NICHOLS,} \\ \text{HERBERT A. DEAN,} \\ \text{ALBERT W. ALLEN,} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \text{Selectmen} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{Berkley.} \end{array}$

Berkley, April 1, 1881.

LIST OF TAXES FOR 1880.

Stephen B. Allen's Estate	e ,	\$34 03
Amos H. Allen,	,	2 00
Edwin H. Allen,		2 00
Davis Allen,		29 46
Albert W. Allen,		2 00
Jethro Ashley,	1.00	16 60
Martin Alden,		23 08
Augustus Adams,		2 00
Benj. F. Anthony,		12 79
Polly & Rachel Burt,		1 00
Abner Burt Estate,		3 15
Gardner D. Bosworth,		2 00
Holder Brightman,		2 16
Thomas Burt Estate,		17 33
Caroline Burt widow,		6 30
Silas Braley,		2 00
Stephen A. Burt,		13 82
Alexander E. Burt,		2 53
Daniel S. Briggs,		19 75
Caleb S. Briggs,		9 10
Andrew Briggs,	•	3 32
Charles Bissett,		-26 16
Maria Bissett Estate,		6 04
Wm. Babbitt and others,		8 40
Wm. Babbitt,		33 77
Wm. Boyce,		11 19
Edward Babbitt,		13 45
Simeon Briggs Estate,		15 49
Simeon Briggs Jr.,		2 53
Herbert F. Briggs,		2 00
Thomas A. Briggs,		$22\ 49$
John D. Babbitt,		16 45
Adoniram Babbitt,		$3\ 05$
Rollin H. Babbitt,		18 55
Enoch B. Babbitt,		29 57
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Horace B. Babbitt,		2 00
Isaac Babbitt,		30 41
Gideon H. Babbitt,		2 00
Albert F. Bassett,		20 17
Levi L. Bowker,		3 74
John Boyce,		26 61
George E. Boyce,		26 27
Elisha Belcher,		6 99
Calvin Belcher,		5 31
Wm. H. Belcher,		$2\ 00$
Leonard T. Belcher,		2 00
Ebenezer D. Briggs,		10 67
Job D. Briggs,		$2\ 00$
Chester J. Briggs,		2 00
Sarah Burt,		80
Joseph Burt Estate,		4 73
Weltha C Boyce,		2 63
Thomas T. Burt,		5 68
Nancy Burt,		17 33
Alvin Briggs,		21 33
N. G. T. Bowen,		24 74
George H. Bowers,		24 68
Alfred Boardman,		24 69
Arthur Bennett,		2 00
Richard Burn,		2 00
Thomas Chaffee,		2 00
John C. Crane,		25 37
Wm. H. S. Crane,		17 51
Samuel Covel,		17 49
George Crane,		2 00
Sarah Crane,		9 19
Adoniram Cummings,		11 20
Benj. F. Coombs,		30 62
Margaret Crane,		23 88
John Cameron,		3 05
Abiel B. Crane,		17 13
George Cummings,		11.72
Joseph T. Cummings,		9 68
Jason Cummings,		15 29
Jason Cummings Jr.,		2 00
Barzillia Crane Estate,		12 08
Nathan G. Case,		11 98
Charles Cory,		19 70
Stephen Corey,		12 50
Thomas G. Chase,		242
George W. Cummings,		$\frac{2}{53}$
Andrew H. Covell,		3 84

Charles E. Clark,		34 41
Charles E. Clark Jr.,		2 00
John J. Clark,		2 00
Francis P. Clark,		2 00
		2 00
James Clark,		
Benj. Crane Estate,		3 15
Peter L. Chace,		42 14
Thomas H. Chace,		2 00
Benj. F. Chase,		$22\ 63$
Henry W Clark,		12 25
Henry D. Clark,		2 00
Israel Chase,		9 51
Benj. F. Cheney,		7 21
Wm. Caswell,		22 33
Daniel Caswell,		2 00
George M. Cole,		2 00
Samuel H. Cudworth,	8	12 19
Calvin T. Crane,		29 57
John Cushing,		11 45
Abbie Chaffee,		3 15
Samuel N. Crane,		2 00
Wm. A. Chamberlain,		5 15
Mrs. E. R. Clark,		4 47
John F. Cushing,		2 00
James Covel,		2 00
James Darvell,		2 00
Vernon L. Dean,		2 00
Hercules Dean,		27 78
Thomas C. Dean,		26 79
Thomas B. Dean,		2 00
Miles S. Dean,		18 13
a		
Albert E. Dean,		2 00
Thomas F. Dean,		25 26
Ebenezer Dean,		27 89
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Charles A. Davis,		14 61
Esther D. Dillingham,		22 58
S. P. D. Dillingham,		6 30
James D. Dillingham,		2 32
John Q. Dillingham,		44 69
Silas Downing,		6 62
Henry J. Dyer,		8 83
Herbert A. Dean,		110 47
Roland B. Eaton,		19 38
Theodore H. Eaton,		2 00
Joseph R. Ellsbree,		21 49
Jeremiah R. Ellsbree,		2 00
Wm. K. Evans,		16 18

Oliver E. French,	22.96
Charles W. Farmer,	18 81
Emily Farmer,	12 34
James O. French,	
	9 09
Mary B. French,	6 62
George W. Felch,	2 00
Timothy E. French,	8 04
Christopher P. French,	16 18
Philip H. Fletcher,	67 21
Louis P. Fletcher,	2 00
John Gidmark,	2 00
Lewis Green,	4 94
Allen Gray,	15 92
Alexander T. Gray,	$\begin{array}{c} 13 & 32 \\ 3 & 32 \end{array}$
John Grinnell,	18 23
George L. Hammond,	15 24
Wm. B. Haskinst	53 61
Joseph P. Haskins Estate,	$23 \ 10$
Shadrach Hathaway,	13 29
Enoch S. Hathaway,	3 21
Enoch Hathaway Estate,	1 58
Benj. Hathaway Estate,	$5\ 25$
Henry Hathaway,	15 60
Rebecca G. Hathaway,	22 26
David Hoxie,	30 51
Edward B. Hathaway,	2 00
Otis Haskell,	$\frac{2}{3} \frac{00}{05}$
Wm. H. Haskell,	$\frac{3}{2} \frac{03}{00}$
James A. Haskell.	$\frac{200}{1407}$
Cyrus Hathaway,	14 97
Charles A. Hathaway,	2 79
John Harmon,	8 51
Sarah J. Hathaway,	2 10
Albert Hathaway,	$3\ 95$
Rowena Hathaway widow,	53
Cyrus Haskins, Jr.,	2 53
Cyrus Haskins Estate,	8 82
Augustus R. Haines,	6 20
James Hathaway Estate,	7 41
Bradford G. Hathaway,	16 48
	$\frac{10}{2} \frac{40}{00}$
Henry A. Haines,	
Michael Harrington,	2 00
Peter Hathaway Estate,	19 95
George F. Howard,	$\frac{200}{200}$
George A. Harmon,	2 00
Russel Haskins,	2 00

Freeman D. Harmon,			2 00
Elam R. Haskins,			14 13
Benj. S. Haskins,			10 56
Stephen Hathaway,			20 43
Catherine Harrington,			7 88
Julius C. Haskins,			23 74
Cornelius Harrington,			4 10
Jacob C. Haskins,			2 06
Charles R. Haskins,			2 53
Lydia G. Haskins,			$\frac{2}{20} \frac{33}{34}$
Wm. W. Haskins,			$\frac{20.34}{2.00}$
•		•	9 19
Fanny Haskins' Heirs, Sarah J. Hoard's Heirs,			9 45
			5 84
Isaac N. Horton, John T. Haskins,			$\begin{array}{c} 3 & 04 \\ 2 & 00 \end{array}$
			2 00
Wm. W. Hathaway,			$\frac{2}{2} \frac{00}{00}$
Benj. C. Hallett,			$\frac{2}{2} \frac{00}{00}$
Charles Hathaway,			$\begin{array}{c} 2 & 00 \\ 2 & 53 \end{array}$
Arthur Jones,			
Giles L. Leach,			42 80
Obediah Lawton,			16 45
Wm. F. Lincoln,			2 00
Simeon W. Luther,			2 79
Benj. Luther,			22 58
Margaret Luther,			9 45
Frank S. Macomber,			5 16
James H. Macomber,			6 73
Enoch Macomber,			11 14
Horace Macomber,			3 58
Frederick Macomber,		4	2 00
Bradford W. Macomber,			105
Gideon H. Myrick,			19 12
John W. Meack,			8 20
Sarah C. Myrick, widow,			21 00
Sarah C. Myrick, guardian,			5 52
Ebenezer Macomber.			16 55
George W. Macomber,			36 02
Macomber & Manchester,			16 02
Geo. R. Macomber,			2 00
Pardon H. Manchester,			$\frac{200}{2100}$
James Maguire,			21 98
John F. McDonald,			$\frac{2}{6} \frac{00}{70}$
Samuel Norcut,			6 73
Geo. A. Norcut,	4		$\begin{array}{c} 3 \ 05 \\ 19 \ 57 \end{array}$
Silas Norcut,			12 77
Bernard Norcut,			9 99

Betsey Newhall, widow,		1 32
Francis Newhall,		25 27
Walter D. Nichols,		43 96
John H. Nichols,		2 27
Frank H. Nichols,		2 00
Albert Pitts,		111 88
Thomas Poole,		2 00
Walter H. Phillips,		2 16
Samuel W. Phillips,		6 29
Benj. Paull,		13 34
James F. Phillips,		13 34
Andrew N. Pierce's heirs		7 02
Darius Phillips estate,		17 60
Jeremiah W. Pierce,		95
Samuel S Pierce,		5 73
Shepherd Phillips,		4 89
Alfred Pierce,		14 08
Franklin Phillips,		11 67
Charles F. Phillips,		2 42
F. A. Paull's estate,		23 10
Charles F. Paull,		2 00
James W. Paull,		2 00
Thomas P. Paull,		2 00
Paull Bros.,		27 67
David Pierce's heirs,	6	4 20
Elkanah Pierce,		50 99
Wm. H. Pierce,		71 41
Wm. H. Pierce, Guar.,		3 15
Joshua Padelford,		2 00
Azariah Petty,		2 00
George Pierce estate,		16 28
Abishai Pittsley,		2 00
John A. Read,		15 65
Asa W. Read,		6 73
John F. Richmond,		13 93
David K. Richmond,		2 16
Mrs. Stephen C. Ramsdell,		53
Apollos B. Read,		2 00
Salmond Richmond heirs,		$1\overset{2}{2}\overset{00}{08}$
		9 83
Wm. H. Smith,		
Sinai Seekell,		2 10
Thomas P. Staples,		6 30
Daniel D. Strange,		27 47
Noah H Strange,		2 00
George P. Strange,		7 21
Philip A. Strange,		2 00
Maria J. Strange,		2 00

David T. Strange,		21 85
Thomas Strange estate,		38 85
Elam Staples,		7 10
Charles F. Staples,		2 00
Darius Sanford,	7	7 41
Charles A. Shaw,		7 37
David F. Strange,		3 58
Joseph Staples,		14 30
Isaac'Seymour,		26 79
Thomas H. Seekell,		24 63
Alfred R. Street,		2 00
John S. Staples,		24 21
Seth F. Staples,		19 60
Timothy Staples,		20 38
		9 77
Henry Shove, Wm. Simms,		25 37
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Leander Terry,		20 39
Jonathan W Thrasher,	*	31 57
Charles O. Thrasher, Charles F. Thrasher,		2 00
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Benj. H. Thrasher,		6 73
John H. Thrasher,		10 04
Noah D. Thrasher,		13 41
Edward J. Thomas,		2 00
George E. Thomas,		2 00
John T. Townsend,		15 35
Nath'l G. Townsend,		18 28
Thomas Terry,		10 94
Joseph W. Terry,		2 00
Edward E. Terry,		2 00
Eliphalet Terry,		2~00
Thomas J. Tew's estate,		10 77
Cherles H. Thomas,		2~00
Gustavus Tripp,		7 25
Cassius E. Viall,		19 07
Amanda Wilbur,		2 10
George W. Westgate,		12 88
George H. Westgate,		5 95
Eli Wordell,		2 16
James B. Westgate,		16 39
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Seth E. Williams,	12 50
Caroline Williams wid.,	4 73
James E. Westgate,	5 42
Andrew Waters,	10 82
John S. Willis,	17 50
James Wade,	24 90
Charles M. Wade,	2 00
Wm. Whitmore heirs,	8 93
Charles S. White,	15 34
Carlos C. Wellman,	2 00
Theodore Wilbur,	3 47
Cong. Society,	6 30

NON-RESIDENTS.

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1 A C	INTON.		
Nathan Clark,			\$13.65
John Seekell estate,			7.88
George Seekell,			2.89
James H. Wade,	4		12.08
William Morse,			9.72
J. Frank Dean,		-	19.53
Charles F. Johnson,			5.78
Edward P. Macomber,			2.63
David C. Dean,			4.62
James P. Dean,			3.15
Charles W. Padelford,			.32
Alvin T. Pierce,			1.58
Rufus Macomber,			48.52
William Burt,			3.15
Benjamin Burt,			4.20
Samuel B. Chase,			7.35
Anthony & Cushman,			6.83
David W. Dean,			7.88
Jacob Eldridge,			1.05
Israel French,			2.37
George A. Field and others,			15.75
John Godfrey estate,			.53
Nelson Goff,			.53
Enoch Goff,			.79
Staples & Godfrey,			3.68
Sylvia Hathaway,			.79
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George Hart,			.53

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John W. Hart,	5.78
Edward O. Hart,	6 83
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Henry B. Macomber,	1.84
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Samuel W. Macomber,	6.30
William F. Macomber,	.53
Stephen Pierce,	.27
Oliver A. Pierce,	1.05
William Price,	7.35
Isaac Fish,	4.20
Staples & Phillips,	10 50
David Padelford,	1.84
James Pau!l,	5.25
Elias Phillips estate,	3.15
Bernard Quigley estate,	2.10
Sinai Williams and others	3.68
Alpheus Sanford's estate,	3.31
John E Sanford,	2.10
Abraham Shores,	6.99
Lloyd Williams estate,	
George Williams,	3.15
	8.40
Marshall Williams,	1.58
James Wetherell,	5.78
Francis K. Williams,	27.30
House and lot,	8.93
A. White & Co.,	7.35
A. L. Bliss,	29.30
Jacob Phillips,	3.68
George S. Clark,	.27
Job Hamer,	3.68
Oliver Soper's heirs.	.53
James Gillespie,	1.05
Mary Haskins,	.79
William W. French,	2.10
Elkanah Hathaway,	11.55
Louis Bragg,	4.73
Jason Pittsly,	1.84
Charles D. White,	1.58
Roby, Hardman,	1.32
Alexander H. Williams,	.27
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Daniel H. Cudworth,	.21
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Hathaway & Evans.	2.63
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Apollos Webster,	20 74	
John D Wilson,	2 63	
Joseph D Hathaway,	10 24	
Mrs John W Pickens,	16 80	
Charles II Briggs,	1 32	
LAKEVILLE.		
Clothier Allen estate,	5 25	
John Allen.	64	
John F Allen,	5 78	
Ebenezer Crane,	12 60	
Jirch Winslow estate,	20 37	
William Canedy,	1 58	
Job Pierce,	27	
James Pierce,	2 63	
Ethan E Pierce,	2 31	
Amelia Paull,	2 10	
Enos Pierce,	27	
Susan Strowbridge,	4 73	
Henry C Pickens,	5 25	
Cyrus O Elmes,	5 25 84	
Charles Farmer,	4 73	
Jeremiah Murphy, James P Pierce	3 31	
Abram Pierce estate,	1 05	
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NEW BEDFORD.		
Daniel K Andros estate,	18 38	
Charles D Burt,	53	
Caroline Morse,	4 73	
Samuel H Whitmore,	14 70	
Samuel B Hamlin,	2 32	
WESTPORT POINT.		
R Macomber and H Brightman,	23 63	
PORTSMOUT	ГН. R. I.	
Abbie J Chase,	4 20	
PROVIDENCE, R. I.		
William Seekell,	1 05	
Jane Renches,	3 15	
Frank D Chester,	11 93	
Joseph W Puffer,	7 62	
Malachi H Haskins,	8 93	
Clarissa Porter,	4 20	
George W Crowningshield,	$\hat{5}\overline{78}$	
Calvin T Dean,	4 20	
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Shove & Perry,	7 35 7 88	
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FALL RIVER. Edmund Chase and others, 12 60 53 Caroline Dean, William B. Durfee, 73 50 INDIANA. Jonathan Crane, 1 58 CAMBRIDGEPORT. 21 53 John Crane, ARIZONA. C. G. W. French, 53 * BRIGHTON, MASS. 5 25 Ambrose Hathaway, RAYNHAM. Enoch Sanford, 2 10 ENGLAND. A. J. Roberts, 3 68 REHOBOTH. Wm. W. Blanding, 11 55 BOSTON. George W. Pierce, 3 15 JAMAICA PLAIN. Ellen Anderson. 3 15 B. C. F. & N. B. R. R., New Bedford division, 42 00

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SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Committee of the town of Berkley herewith most respectfully submit their annual report.

The whole number of scholars attending our schools appears to be 158; average membership 118; average attendance 98; over 15 years of age 28; between the ages of 8 and 14, 83. The per cent. of attendance is only 83, which although very small is a slight improvement upon the attendance of last year. The whole number of persons in town on the first day of May last, between the ages of 5 and 15 years was 150; whole number between the ages of 8 and 14 years was 94, as returned to us by the Assessors of the town. Of the 150 returned as above, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, only 132 appear to have attended school. Thus 12 per cent. have not put in an appearance at all. Whose children are they? What circumstances can excuse this great neglect?

There has been (with one exception of a week,) eight and one half months school in all of the school houses in town, a length unprecedented in the history of the town of Berkley. We feel very grateful to

the town for supplying us with the means of thus lengthening the schools.

The school houses are as a whole in far better condition and more suited and better adapted to the needs of both teachers and scholars, than ever since the incorporation of the town in 1735, when there were no school houses in town and but one teacher, "Master Gavin", who taught in different parts of the town at stated times in such buildings as could be secured for the purpose. The school house No. 1, (Common) needs to be newly floored, reseated and changed to conform to the general plan of the new school buildings in town. We would also call the attention of the town to the school building at Myricksville. It will soon need very expensive repairs. Would it not be worth an effort on the part of the town to sell it at some price and build a house more suited to the needs of the school and far more economical to the town?

We feel justified in saying, according to the knowledge which we possess, that there has been no retrogression in the character of our schools as a whole, and in some schools a very marked advancement.

But length of schools, good and attractive school houses, competent and devoted teachers alone will not secure the best result. Home influence in the right direction is *indispensible*. Children should go to school charged with the importance, yes, *necessity*, of obedience and industry, of good behavior and of diligence. Then much of the trials and perplexities

of the teacher's life would be turned into joy and enthusiasm. The importance of a loving teacher consists greatly in the training of pupils and teaching the how to obtain knowledge. Teach them to think, to reason, to compare, to comprehend. Then they will be prepared with much or little acquired knowledge to gain more and more during their whole lives. For whatever aids may facilitate the acquirement of what we call education, but little can be accomplished without the earnest efforts of the pupil. Whatever other important factors are supplied, if home influence and personal effort on the part of pupil be wanting, the product can never be highly satisfactory.

In regard to the studies pursued in our schools, without disparaging any study, we would impress upon the teachers the paramount importance of reading, writing and spelling. Said a venerable and seccessful teacher in a school in which the writer was a small boy, "It should be written over the door of your school room, that the reading lesson is the most important lesson." We fully endorse the sentiment. "Understandest thou what thou readest," is as pertinent, as important a question now as eighteen centuries ago. Whoever can read well, whoever is master of emphasis, inflection, pauses, in short whoever can read so as to convey the thoughts, ideas and conceptions of the subject read perfectly to a hearer, possesses a key to a fountain of knowledge almost inexhaustible.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the clergymen of the town for the interest manifested by them in the schools. One of them, himself once a teacher, knows how necessary the "Aarons and Hurs" are to sustain the courage, the enthusiasm of the teach-In the name of the town we thank them, and express the hope that their efforts and interest in the future will not be abated. It has been said in a former report (some ten years since) that the first two clergymen of the town, who together occupied the pulpit for some three-fourths of a century, exerted a more powerful and beneficial influence in this town out of their pulpits than in them, although both of them were very able exponents of Christianity from their stand-points. Christianity, civilization, intelligence, enlightenment, and humanity, are inseparably connected. We all agree, then, that the proper training and education of our children and youth are of the first importance, not only in regard to the life that is, but of the life beyond the bounds of time. Let us, then, endeavor to discharge that duty according to the light which we have within us.

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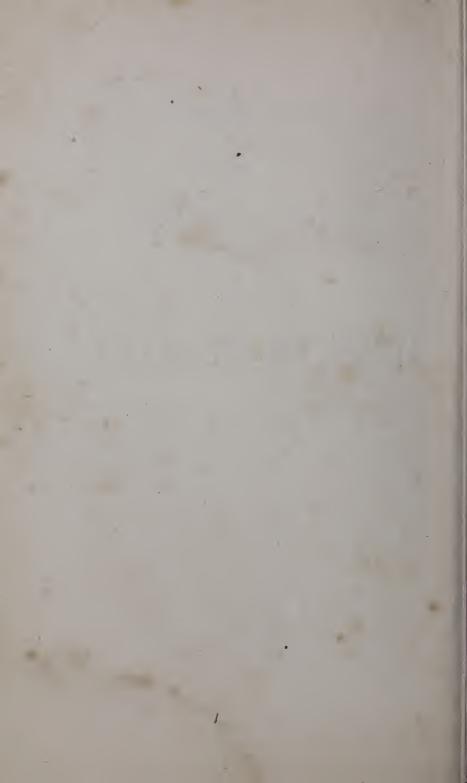
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Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of Berkley for 1881-82, herewith re-

spectfully submit their report.

We employed Eliphalet Terry and wife to take charge of the poor upon the Town Farm, and also, to manage the farm. We turned over and put under his management property upon the farm, amounting (see appraisal 1881) to \$913.62, ten days before he took charge. His salary was \$165.00. On the 13th day of March, current, we made an appraisal of the property found upon the farm, (see appraisal 1882) which amounted to \$1100.32. Subtracting the last year's appraisal, leaves an increase of property upon the farm, over last year, of \$186.50. The former occupant, however, drew from the treasury only \$57.85, while the present occupant draws \$142.00 or \$84.95 more than his predecessor. And \$186.50—\$84.95=\$101.55 better than last year as we have appraised the property. His predecessor, also, received \$75. for stock sold from the farm more than he replaced. And \$78+96.75=174.75, the exact excess over the years 1880-81.

APPRAISAL.

1 horse,	\$140.00
5 cows and 1 heifer @ \$37,	222.00
4 shoats @ \$10.	40.00
2 turkeys \$4, 60 hens \$30.	34.00
12 tons E. hay @ \$20 per ton,	240.00
3 tons salt hay @ \$9 ''	27.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton swale hay,	5 00
1½ ton thatch hay,	12 00
$6\frac{1}{2}$ bushels rye @ \$1,	6 50
$6\frac{1}{2}$ "corn,	6 50
1 M Shingles,	3 50
1 monkey wrench,	75
3 scythes and snaths,	2 00
11 cord wood @ \$5.	55 00
9 posts, 8 poles, 120 rails,	17 00
Grindstone,	3 00
25 bushels potatoes,	25 00
8 "turnips,	6 00
8 "small potatoes,	4 00
61 lbs. ham @ 15 cents,	9 15
30 lbs. lard @ 16 cents,	4 80
175 lbs. pork @ 13 cents,	22 95
60 gallons vlnegar, @ 15 cents,	9 00
2 churns, \$5, wringer \$7,	12 00
2 wash tubs, 22 milk pans, 3 milk pails,	4 ()()
Apple parer, brush and butter mould,	1 50
1 lantern 90 cents, 1 harrow, \$3.	3 90
Iron bar, sledge and 5 chains,	6 00
3 hoes, 2 shovels, 1 spade,	2 85
3 manure forks and 3 hay forks,	1 50
1 sleigh,	4 ()()
Mowing machine, horse rake,	50 00
2 ploughs, 3 rakes,	10 00

Farm wagon,	48	00
Express wagon,	35	00
Tackle and falls, \$1.50, a lot of harness \$10,	11	50
Stump hook, \$1.50, 2 ladders,	3	00
Whiffletree and hay gearing,	2	()()
2 saws and 4 axes,	2	00
56 quarts beans @ 12 cents,	6	72
	\$1095	32
Appraisal last year,	913	62
Mr. Terry has charged the town with sundry		
expenditures, amounting to	\$345	28
He has charged himself with sundry receipts,	367	42
Leaving a balance in his hands,	\$ 22	20
Order upon treasurer,	142	80
Amount of salary,	\$165	00

As overseers of the poor we report the death of Esther Norcut, Dec. 8th. 1881, at a greatly advanced age, not certain, but probably more than a century old, she has long been an inmate of the Almshouse.

There are three paupers now remaining at the almshouse, viz:

Amanda French, aged 79 John Hall, John Westgate, 56

Though advanced in life they enjoy a good share of health and have been well cared for.

The cost of supporting 311 paupers during the past year, saying nothing of the decay of buildings has been: Interest on town farm, \$200.00 Less increase assetts. 96.75

which gives a fraction over \$26 for support of each pau-

per. There have been four "Tramps" or traverlers entertained during the year.

The support of the poor out of the Almshouse is considerable, and seems likely to be no less until the sense and sentiment of the town shall provide accommodations and decree that all permanent paupers shall be provided for at the Almshouse unless there be some exceptional reason why not. There is not necessarily any disgrace in being a pauper. It is disgraceful for any town to fail to furnish suitable accommodations and care and support for the poor properly belonging to it under the laws. But it is also just and proper for the town to make these provisions and provide for the wants of the needy in the most economical manner consistent with their comfort. The report of the Treasurer will state what bills have been paid for those who have received aid and full support. We are not aware of any case of disputed settlement at the present time. The Robare family we fear will have to be removed to the Alms-A mother and four children under 12 years of house. age.

We have retained Mr. Terry and his wife for the ensuing year at a salary of one hundred and eighty dollars

\$180.

WALTER D. NICHOLS, HERBERT A. DEAN, ALBERT W. ALLEN.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury April 1st, 1881,	\$69	68	
Hired of the B. C. National Bank,	400	00	
One Oyster Note,	1,306	00	
Two Fish Notes,	159	00	
Corporation Tax,	38	05	
National Bank Tax,	612	86	
State Aid,	106	00	
Relief of Indigent Soldiers & Sailors,	174	00	
School Fund,	215	25	
Dog Fund,	71	94	
City of Fall River,	44	45	
Use of Myrickville Hall,	3	00	
Arithemites sold,	3	99	
State, County and Town Tax,	4,100	29	
Addition of Taxes,	6	5 0	
Serving Summons, 20 cts. each.			
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EXPENDITURES.

Note Bristol County National Bank,	\$400 (0	
Interest on Note,	3 ()5	
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TOWN OFFICERS.

John A. Read, services as Tox	wn Clerk, 23 9)5
Hercules Dean, " " Ass	sessor, 33 9	92
Charles F. Paull, ""	" 33 6	0
John T. Townsend, " "	" 27 5	0
Walter Nichols, service as Sch	hool Committee, 41 5	7
T. P. Paull, " "	" 44 2	5
W. D. Nichols, Selectman,	50 5	0
H. A. Dean, "	27 5	0
A. W. Allen, "	24 0	0
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EXPENDED BY THE SELECTMEN ON HIGHWAY.

T. T. Burt,	labor o	on highways,	17	05
N. G. T. Bowen,	•6	"	12	00
Caleb Briggs,	. "	"	4	50
Stephen Cory,	"	"	8	25
Isaac E. French,	"	"	4	50
Otis Haskell,	"	"	1	50
W. King Evans,	"	66	2	28
Geo. B. Westcott,	"	"	4	00
Geo. W. Westcott	. "	"	4	00
Timothy E. Frenc	h, "	"	4	00
Geo. B. Williams,	lumbe	er,	3	29
Francis Newhall,	labor	on highway,	1	35
H. B. Babbitt,	"	"	6	75
Calvin Belcher,	"	"	3	98
W. H. Belcher,	"	• "	5	48
Benj. F. Chase,	"	"	1	75
Peter L. Chase,	"	"	1	25
Geo. E. Boyce,	"	"	18	50
B. G. Hathaway,	"	"	1	50
F. H. Nichols,	"	"	3	00
Cyrus Haskins,	"	"	1	50
Rollin B. Eaton.	"	"	5	25

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SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Taunton Lunatic Hospital, F. French,	\$205	34	
" " Mercy A. Seekill,	180	16	
C. B. Hathaway,	24	00	
O. F. Hathaway,	105	00	
Huldah Seekell,	60	00	
Harriet Ramsdale, Medical attendance,	1	00	
Charles Hathaway, " "	13	00	
Abby Seekell,		00	
Francis Briggs,		00	-
Bradford & Henry Macomber,	73	50	
,	_		\$728 00
STATE AID.			
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Carlos C. Wellman, 7 mons.	70	00	
Lewis Green, 9 mos.	27	00	
Bildad Williams, 11 mos.	16	50	
			113 50
MILITARY AID.			
Wm. Smith, 11 mos.	132	00	
B. F. Dean, 11 mos.	88	00	
			\$220 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Otis E. Reed, care of Town Hall,	5	00
Calvin T. Belcher, balance due,	57	85
City of Taunton, State and County Tax for	1880	
Due from Myrickville,	161	00
Geo. B. Williams, lumber,	, 6	33
E. Davol, printing reports,	. 31	36
T. E. French, repairs on schoolhouse,	2	46
T. P. Paull, sundries,	2	68
H. A. Dickerman, 1 case crayons,	10	00

County Tax,	331	75		
Julius Haskins, settling with Treasurer,		00		
Geo. P. Strange, interest on school house lot				
for three years,	6	30		
N. H. Strange, telegraphing to Pettie & Co.	1	50		
Henry Hathaway, sundries,	2	13		
Herbert F. Briggs, serving dog warrents,	7	00		
Calvin T. Belcher,	42	32		
Town of Middleboro, taking care of fish,	20	00		
State Tax,	270	00		
John V. Terry, surveying,	1	50		
J. C. Standish, care B & Dighton bridge, and	l			
repairs on same,	109	90		
Dighton Furnace Co., stove,	12	00		
John A. Read, care Town Hall,	5	50		_
" repairs on school house,	1	00		
William Ware & Co., books,	37	63		
T. P. Paull, sundries,	15	20		
B. L. Burt & Co., Brooms & Pails,	1	56		
,			\$1,142	97
SNOW BILLS.				
District No. 1,	27	80		
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EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS.

M. A. B. Wilbur,	\$181	00
P. C. Porter,	238	00
Julia R. Burt,	238	00
Robert C. French,	49	50

Lucy E. Gassett,	54	()()		
S. P. Dillingham,	126	00		
W. Anna Harding,	170	50		
Charles S. Coombs,	27	50		
Annie Bowers,	* 6	50		
Bella L. Nye,	56	00		
Geo. E. Dimpsey,	46	40		
L. W. Bartlett,	112	00		
Emma A. Morse,	112	00		
Charlotte C. Nichols,	108	00		
Benj. F. Dean, sawing wood,	3	75		
Henry C. Sanford, " "	4	50		
Hercules Dean, wood and sawing,	7	75	30	
Allen A. Case, sawing wood,	1	00		
W. H. Belcher, " "	3	75		
Frank Dean, " "	5	00		
Ellie M. Smith, " "	3	75		
Frank Terry, " "	3	75		
John T. Townsend, wood and sawing,	36	50		
Thomas A. Briggs, sawing wood,	1	50		
Henry J. Dyer, " "	2	00		
Albert W. Allen, wood,	27	00		
Alvin Briggs, "	2	25		
G. H. Myrick, "	2	50		0
G. L. Leach, "	3	00		
Paull Bros. "	7	80		
Benj. B. Caswell, building fires,	4	25		
John W. Grinnell, " "	3	50		
			\$1648	95

RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$1,400	00		
School fund,	215	25		
Dog fund,	71	94		
		_	\$1,687	19

E. B. BABBITT, Coll. & Treas.

The committee appointed to settle with E. B. Babbitt, Treasurer of Berkley, having attended to duty, report that the Treasurer has charged himself with sundries received from various sources, as appears by the Treasurer's book, amounting to \$7,310 81 And he has charged the town with sundry

bills paid for which he exhibited the pro-

per vouchers amounting to	\$6,931 80		
Leaving in his hands,	379 01	\$7,310	81

We also find in the hands of Treasurer two fish notes due June 1882, amounting to \$152.

1	Oyster	note	due	June	1st,	1882.	1,306
1	"	"	"	66	66	1883.	1,306
1	"	"	"	٠	. 66	1884.	1,306
1	46%	"	"	66	66	1885.	1,306

There is no outstanding interest bearing notes against the town.

All of which is respectfully submitted

WALTER D. NICHOLS, Committee to Settle with the Treasurer.

Berkley, March 27th, 1882.

A true copy, Attest:

E. B. BABBITT, Treasurer.



List of Taxes

For the Year 1881-82.

Stephen B. Allen estate,	\$28	67
Amos H. Allen,	2	00
Edwin H. Allen,	2	00
Davis Allen,	24	96
Albert W. Allen,	2	00
Jethro Ashley,	14	42
Augustus Adams,	2	00
Joseph Ashley,	2	99
Benjamin Anthony,	10	78
Martin Aldin,	19	60
Polly and Rachel Burt,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	99
Abner Burt estate,	2	70
Edward Brightman,	2	36
Holder Brightman,	2	00
Thomas Burt estate,	13	50
Caroline Burt,	4	95
Stephen A. Burt,	11	59
Daniel S. Briggs,	17	03
Caleb S. Briggs,	8	21
Andrew Briggs,	3	13
Charles Bissett,	26	12
William Babbitt,	30	40
William Babbitt and others,	9	00
William Boyce,	9	88
Edward Babbitt,	11	99

Simeon Briggs Estate,				13	28
Simeon Briggs Jr.,				2	45
Herbert F. Briggs,				2	00
Thomas A. Briggs,				17	85
John D. Babbitt estate,				12	56
Artemas B. Babbitt,				2	00
Adoniram Babbitt,				2	90
Rollin H. Babbitt,				15	50
Enoch B. Babbitt,				25	35
Horace B. Babbitt,				2	00
Isaac Babbitt,				27	43
Gideon H. Babbitt,				2	00
Albert F. Bassett,				16	54
John Boyce,			8	22	25
Geoege E. Boyce,				22	19
Elisha Belcher,				6	50
Calvin Belcher,				5	61
William H. Belcher,	~		-	2	00
Leonard T. Belcher,				2	00
Lucy A. Briggs,				3	38
Job D. Briggs,				2	00
Chester J. Briggs,				2	00
Sarah Burt,					68
Joseph Burt estate,				4	05
Thomas T. Burt,				5	15
Nancy Burt,				14	85
Alvin Briggs,				17	53
Nathan G. T. Bowen,				21	58
George H. Bowers,		18.		21	98
Alfred Bordman,				21	89
Arthur Bennett,				2	00
Richard Burn,				2	00
Silas Braley,				2	00
George W. Bowen,				2	54
Thomas Chaffee,				. 2	00
Abbie Chaffee,				2	48
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W. B. Copeland,			2	18
John C. Crane,			22	12
William H. S. Crane,			14	75
Samuel Covill,			15	37
George Crane,			2	00
Sarah Crane,			7	88
Adoniram Cummings,			9	88
Benjamin F. Coombs,			26	39
Margaret Crane,			20	03
John Cameron,			2	00
Abiel B. Crane,			15	51
George Cummings,			10	11
Joseph T. Cummings,			8	58
Jason Cummings,			12	90
Barzillar Crane estate,			7	65
Nathan G. Case,			10	96
Charles Cary,			17	85
William Cory,			2	00
Stephen Cory,			11	00
Thomas G. Chase,			2	99
George W. Cummings,			2	90
Andrew H. Covil,			3	62
Charles E. Clark,			.30	31
Charles E. Clark Jr.,			7	85
John J. Clark,			2	00
Francis P. Clark,			2	00
James Clark,			2	00
Benjamin Crane, estate,			2	70
Perter L. Chase,			34	81
Thomas H. Chase,			2	90
Charles E. Chase,			2	00
Benjamin F. Chase,			18	87
Henry W. Clark,			10	78
Henry D. Clark,			2	59
Israel Chase,			10	11
William Caswell,			20	00

Daniel Caswell,		2	00
George M. Cole,		2	32
Charles F. Cole,		2	00
Wm. H. Cole,		2	36
Samuel H. Cudworth,	•	11	09
Calvin T. Crane,		26	31
John Cushing,		. 7	85
Samuel N. Crane,		2	00
William A. Chamberlin,		5	51
Mrs. E. R. Clark,		3	83
James Covil,		2	00
George W. Caswell.			90
Vernon L. Dean,		2	00
Hercules Dean,		24	19
Thomas C. Dean,		22	71
Thomas B. Dean,		7	31
Miles S. Dean,		16	18
Clarence W. Dean,		2	90
Albert E. Dean,		2	00
Thomas F. Dean,		21	85
Ebenezer Dean, estate,		22	41
Charles A. Davis,		13	80
John Q. Dillingham,		37	92
Esther D. Dillingham,		2	93
Sophia P. Dillingham,		4	73
James D. Dillingham,		16	96
Silas Downing,		5	83
Henry J. Dyer,		8	80
Herbert A. Dean,		 92	41
Isaac Ellis,		2	14
Margaret Ellis,		2	70
Rolin B. Eaton,		16	63
Theodore H. Eaton,		2	00
Joseph R. Elsbree,		17	98
Jeremiah R. Elsbree,		2	00
William R. Evans,		14	38

ANNUAL REPORT.

Oliver E. French,		20	18
Charles W. Farmer,		16	40
Emily Farmer,		10	35
James O. French,	and the same	12	58
Edgar French,		2	00
George W. Felch,		2	00
Timothy E. French,	18	7	18
Mary B. French,	No.	1	17
Christopher P. French,		13	30
Lewis P. Fletcher,		2	00
Phillip H. Fletcher,		49	61
Lewis Green,		4	61
Allen Gray,		13	93
Alexander T. Gray,		2	90
John Gidmark,		2	00
John Grinnell,		15	33
George L. Hammond,		13	64
William B. Haskins,		51	05
Shadrack Hathaway,		_ 11	44
Enoch S. Hathaway,		3	44
Enoch Hathaway estate,		1	35
Benjamin Hathaway estate,		4	50
Henry Hathaway,		12	40
Elizabeth J. Haskins,		20	48
Rebecca G. Hathaway,		19	08
David Hoxie,		26	41
Otis Haskell,		2	68
William H. Haskill,		2	00
Charles T. Hatch,		2	00
Frederick Haskins,		2	00
Frederick Horton,	•	2	00
Cyrus Hathaway,	5.	13	03
Charles A. Hathaway,		2	90
Sarah J. Hathaway,		1	80
Albert Hathaway,		.3	38
Rowena Hathaway,			45

Cyrus Haskins,		2 45
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James Hathaway estate,	·	6 35
Bradford G. Hathaway,		13 97
Peter Hathaway estate,		17 10
Michael Harrington,		2 00
George A. Harman,		2 00
Freeman D. Harmon,		2 00
Asa Harman,		2 00
John Harmon,		9 22
Augustus R. Haines,		5 60
Henry A. Haines,		2 00
Clarence E. Haines,		2 00
George F. Howard,		2.00
Russel Haskins,		2-23
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Villiam W. Haskins,		2 00
John T. Haskins,		2 00
Elam R. Haskins,		12 49
Benjamin S. Haskins,		2 45
Catherine Harrington,		7 20
Cornelius Harrington,		5 38
Jacob C. Haskins,		2 00
Lydia G. Haskins,		16 70
Fanny Haskins heirs,		8 33
Sarah J. Hoard heirs,		7 65
Isaac N. Horton,		3 76
Edward V. Hazzard,		2 00
Arthur Jones,		2 45
Giles L. Leach,		39 00
Obidiah Lawton,		14 38
William F. Lincoln,		2 90
Simeon W. Luther,		2 68
Benjamin Luther,		19 33

Margaret Luther,	8 55
Frank S. Macomber,	12 04
James H. Macomber,	6 28
Horace Macomber,	3 58
Frederick Macomber,	2 00
Bradford W. Macomber	90
Gigeon H. Myrick,	15 59
John W. Meach,	7 10
Sarah C. Myrick,	17 46
Sarah C. Myric Guardian,	4 73
Ebenezer Macomber,	14 03
George W. Macomber,	32 11
George R. Macomber,	2 00
George R. Macomber & Co.	14 40
Restcome Macomber,	2 00
James Maguire,	16 17
Arthur Macomber,	2 00
Samuel Norcutt,	6 50
George A. Norcutt,	2 90
Silas Norcutt,	10 73
Barnard Norcut,	8 56
Betsey Newhall,	1 13
Francis Newhall,	22 07
Walter D. Nichols,	37 74
John H. Nichols,	2 18
Frank H. Nichols,	2 00
Augustus F. Pierce,	18 29
James Pierce,	59 51
Jason Pitsley,	3 76
Everett C. Peirce,	2 00
Albert Pitts,	58 17
Thomas Poole,	2 00
Philip C. Porter,	2 00
Walter W. Phillips,	2 23
Samuel W. Phillips,	4 80
Benjamin Paull Estate,	9 68
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George A. Strange,	2	00
Phillip Strange,	. 2	00
Maria J. Strange,	1	08
David T. Strange,	18	52
Ellery W. Strange,	2	0.0
Elam Staples,	2	23
Charles F. Staples,	2	00
Darius Sanford,	6	35
Charles A. Shaw,	6	15
David F. Strange,	3	35
Joseph Staples,	11	95
Alfred Street,	2	0.0
Isaac Saymore,	23	71
Thomas H. Sekell,	21	00
John S. Staples,	21	90
Seth F. Staples,	16	58
Timothy Staples,	19	02
Henry Shove,	9	74
William Simms,	22	22
William G. Simms,	2	00
Frank Sullivan,	2	00
Cong. Society,	7	65
George L. Turcott,	2	00
Leander Terry,	17	98
Noah D. Thrasher;	10	33
Jonathan W. Thrasher,	.26	08
Charles O. Thrasher,	2	00
Benjamin H. Thrasher,	5	56
John H. Thrasher,	. 8	98
John T. Townsend,	15	47
Nathaniel G. Townsend,	16	04
B. Emery Townsend,		90
Thomas Terry,	9	83
Joseph W. Terry,	2	00
Zebedee Terry,	2	00
Welcome Ferry,	2	00

Edward E. Terry,		2 00
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Thomas J. Tew estate,	8	3 3 3
Charles H. Thomas,	9	00
Gustavus Tripp,	(83.
Sumner F. Thompson,	9	2 59
Cassius E. Vial,	18	5 5 9
Amanda Wilbur,		35
George W. Westgate,	11	05
George H. Westgate,	- 5	83
Eli Wordell,	2	2 00
James B. Westgate,	14	4 96
Charles F. Westgate,	9	00
Dean P. Westgate,	16	3 04
George E. Westgate,		0.0
Elijah Wilbur,	ç	83
Bildad Williams,	4	48
George F. Wilbur,	27	7 43
Charles H. Williams,	2	00
Seth E. Williams,	10	00
Caroline Williams,	-4	05
James E. Westgate,	4	1 84
Andrew Watters,	10	33
John S. Willis,	18	5 24
James Wade,	21	80
Charles M. Wade,	2	00
William Whitmore,	7	20
Charles S. White,	18	62
Carlos C. Welman,	2	00
Theodore Wilber,	11	00
Marshall B. Williams,	2	00
NON-RESIDENTS		
TAUNTON.		
Nathan Clark,	8	3 10
Ceorge S. Clark,	7	43
George Sekell,	2	48
James H. Wade,	, 9	90

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William Morse,		8	33
J. Frank Dean,		16	74
Charles F. Johnson,		4	95
W. Albert Haskins,			45
Edward P. Macomber,		2	70
David C. Dean,		4	41
James J. Dean,		2	70
Charles W. Padelford,			27
Alvin T. Pierce,		1	80
Rufus Macomber,		41	40
Ebenezer Macomber guardian,		2	25
Nelson E. Blynn,			45
William Burt,		2	25
Benjamin Burt,		3	60.
Samuel B. Chase,		5	85
Anthony & Cushman,		5	85
David W. Dean,		6	75
Jacob W. Eldridge,	,		90
Israel French,		2	03
George A. Fields and others,		13	50
John Godfrey estate,			27
Nelson Goff,			45
Enoch Goff,			68
Staples & Godfrey,		2	15
Edward M. Macomber,			90
Sylvia Hathaway,			68
Enoch Hathaway estate,			68
George Hart,			45
John W. Hart,		-5	40
Edward O. Hart,		6	75
James E. Hart,		1	58
Lysander Hart,		1	58
Henry B. Macomber,		3	60
Samuel W. Macomber,		-5	40
William F. Macomber,			45
Stephen Pierce,			23

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Oliver A. Pierce,			90
William Price,		6	30
Isaac Fish,		2	70
David Padelford,		1	58
James Paull estate,		4	50
Elias Phillips estate,		2	70
Barnard Quigley,		1	80
Sinia Williams and others,		3	15
Alpheus Sanford estate,		2	52
John E. Sanford,		1	80
Abraham Shores,		5	94
Lloyd Williams estate,		2	70
George Williams,		7	20
Marshall Williams estate,			90
James Witherell,		4	95
Francis K. Williams,		31	05
A. White & Co.,		6	30
A. L. Bliss,	4	25	52
Jacob Phillips,		3	15
Job Hamar,		2	70
Lysander Soper,			45
James Gallispie,		1	35
Mary Haskins,			90
William W. French,		1	80
Elkanah Hathaway,		9	90
Lewis Bragg,		4	50
Charles D. White,		1	35
Alexander H. Williams,			45
Alexander E. Burt,			45
Abiel Staples,		3	15
	FREETOWN.		
Daniel H. Cudworth,			18
William H. Cudworth,			27
Hathaway & Evans,		2	25
Charles E. Hathaway,		2	25

Jonathan Gurney,			72
Thomas C. Nichols,		1	35
Nichols & Sampson,	·	4	05
James Winslow,		1	13
Ambros B. Winslow,			54
Apollos Webster,		17	78
John D. Wilson,		2	25
Joseph D. Hathaway,		9	05
Charles H. Briggs,		1	13
Gilbert M. Nichols,		2	70
LAKEVILLE			
Clother Allen estate,		4	50
John Allen,			54.
Ebenezer Crane,		10	80
William Canedy,		2	93
Job Pierce,			23
Ethan E. Pierce,		2	23
Amelia Paull,]	80
Enos Pierce,			23
Henry C. Pickens,		4	50
Cyrus O. Elms,		4	95
Charles Farmer,			72
Jerry Murphy,		4	05
James P. Pierce,		2	89
Abraham Pierce estate,			90
Susan Strobridge estate,		33	60
John F. Allen,		4	73
NEW BEDFO	RD.		
Daniel K. Andros,		15	75
Charles D. Burt,			45
Caroline Morse,		4	59
Samuel H. Whitmore,		12	60
Samuel B. Hamblin,		2	03
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WESTPORT POINT.		
Henry Brightman and Restcome Macomber	,	8 00
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PROVIEENCE, R. I.		
Abbie Chase,		3 16
William Sekell,		90
Jane Renches,		2 709 22
Frank D. Chester,		$\begin{array}{ccc} 9 & 22 \\ 6 & 53 \end{array}$
Joseph W. Puffer, Malachi Haskins,		7 65
George Crowningshield,		5 18
Calvin T. Dean,		3 60
Basheba Goff,		1 80
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DIGHTON.	•	
Shove & Perry,		6 30
Charles N. Simmons,		6 75
Noble S. Simmons estate,		5 85
Charles E. Whitmarsh,		54
FALL RIVER.		
Edmund Chase and others,		0 80
William B. Durfee,	6	3 00
Caroline Dean estate,		45
STATE OF INDIANA.		
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Jonathan Crane,		1 35
CAMBRIDGEPORT.		
John Crane estate,	1	8 00
ARIZONA TER.		
Charles G. W. French,		45
BRIGHTON, MASS.		
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Ambrose Hathaway,		4 50

RAYNHAM.		
Enoch Sanford,	1	35
ENGLAND.		
Austin J. Roberts,	3	15
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William W. Blandin,	9	45
ARLINGTON, MASS.		
George W. Peirce,	2	70
BOSTON, MASS.		
Ellen Anderson,	2	70
Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg R. R., N. B. Div. 1,	36	00
VERMONT.		
Sumner Thompson,	4	95
FOXBORO, MASS.		
Simmons Winslow,	7	91
BROCKTON, MASS.		
Mrs. Lewis Thompson,		
ADDITIONAL TAX PAYERS.		
Henry Anthony,	2	00
Arthur White,	2	00
Edward L. Smith,	2	00
Hannah Howland,		50

Total No. o	of Po	lls,	276
Tax on eacl	h Po	11, *	\$2.00
Total value	of F	Personal Estate,	\$52,284.00
Total value	of F	Real Estate,	\$339,366.00
Rate per ce	ent. c	of Total Tax, or rate per \$1000	\$9.00
Total numb	oer o	f Horses,	232
	. 6	Cows,	325
	66	Sheep,	122
. 6	. "	Dwelling Houses,	235
"	"	Acres of Land assessed in th	e
Town,			9686

HERCULES DEAN,
JOHN T. TOWNSEND,
CHARLES F. PAULL,

Assessors of the Town of Berkley.

Report of School Committee.

Another school year has passed with its varied successes and its partial failure and your committee herewith most respectfully present their annual report with such

suggestions as have occured to them.

Whole No. of schoolars in town on the 1st, day of May last between the ages of 5 and 15 was 163, between the ages of 8 and 14 was 96, as returned to us by the Assessors. Whole number attending school, of all ages, was 167. Under 5 years of age 13, over 15 years of age 15, between 5 and 15 years of age 139. Making all reasonable and inevitatable causes of absence between 5 and 15 there then seems to be two large a number who have not put in an appearance. We would respectfully call the attention of parents and guardians of children of school age to the Legislative acts of 1873 page 262 and of 1874 page 233 for a more clear understanding of their duties in this matter, and of the penalties for nonperformance.

The appropriation made last year, and placed in our hands for the purpose of remodeling the interior of school house No. 1, and reseating the same, has not been expended. After maturing our plans and preparing specifications we submitted then to builders for proposals

for performing the work. The lowest offer was \$185 which we considered to be reasonable but left not sufficient to reseat, plaster and paint to say nothig about out of door expenditure which propriety and necessity required and we were and are still of the opinion that before the contemplated improvement is made a new location should be selected, and the building removed to it. There is not sufficient land in the present lot to place the proper and indispensible out buildings upon. It is a source of annoyance to the religious society whose lands and buildings almost surround it now. We suggest that a committee composed largely of persons who are more immediately interested in the subject, be constituted and authorized to locate, and make all needful arrangements, and contracts for moving the house, and for selling the lot upon which it now stands. And then make a suitable and sufficient appropriation for carrying out the plans of last year.

The instructions of the town of November that the committee prepare and present a code of by-laws to comply with the requirements of the Truant act has been attended to and will be presented when called for by the warrant for the annual town meeting.

We have introduced the "Franklin" series of Arithmetics into the schools, thereby securing uniformity, new books, and a valuable series at a small expense to the town. A uniformity in Geographies is much needed also.

We would call the attention of parents and guardians to the laws concerning vaccinuation, every child must be vaccinated when two years old. Penalty for neglect five dollars. The school committee are directed not to admit pupils into the public schools who have not been vaccinated. Taking a retrospective survey of the past and comparing it with the present condition of our schools

as regards numbers and scholarship as well we are not overjoyed with the comparison, some schools have fully maintained their former standing, while others have failed to do so. To analyze the causes of failure would in all cases bedifficult and in some it might be irritating. This may however be, (we think) truthfully said that formerly the town of Berkley supplied itself with teachers almost exclusively, and had a surplus for export. And then as a rule our own teachers gave better satisfaction as such than strangers. Shall that time ever arrive again? All honor to those who are now in the field (mostly ladies) and may there numbers be largely increased. Another suggestion might in this connection be made. All schools in town can not have the same teacher, or his or her equal in all respects. And what might by some be considered a fault in a teacher would by others be ranked among the indispensible qualiffcations of a teacher. In view of these considerations and many others which might be adduced, is it not far better to make the best use of the opportunies offered (unless in some extreme case,) than resort to revolutionary measures which in most cases result disastrously. Is it not better to endure the evils seeming or real which exist than risk those we know not of. It is emphatically true in schools and school matters that all contentions should be avoided, and all roots of bitterness be weeded out. There must be mutual concession, and mutual co-operation it we expect succes. Are we always careful enough about our criticisms of teachers in the presence of pupils An inconsiderate word in such a case may do great harm while a word fitly spoken may result in a lasting good. Let us all then use our best endeavors to make our schools more and more useful, for upon the public schools depend largely the character of the children and

youth who are to succeed us, and upon whom will devolve the duties which are now incumbent upon us.

Appropriations by town,	1400	
State S. Fund,	215	29
Dog Tax,	71	99

Teachers wages,	1526 40
Fuel and building fires and care of S. houses,	127
	\$1653 40

WALTER D. NICHOLS, BENJAMIN F. COOMBS, THOMAS P. PAULL.

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No. of Schools.	TEACHERS.	No. of Term.	Whole No. Pupils.	Average No. Belonging	Average Attendance.	Per cent, of Attendance	Diff. pupils during year	Pupils under 5 years.	Pupils over 15 years.	Pupils bet. 8 & 14 yrs.	Length of term in mos.	Teacher's wages per month.	Amount of teachers'	
1	Charlotte C. Nichols. Julia R. Burt,	1 2 9	28 28 27	24 20 21	19 14 20	70	32	0 0	0 0 1	20 15 16	24 24 24 24	24 24 32	\$ 54 54 112	00
2	Julia R. Burt, " Bella Nye, Geo. E. Dimpsey,	1 2 2	25 23 23	28 20 19	21 18 13	88	28	0 3 2	0	14 15 16	27	28 28 32 32	63 63 56 46	$00 \\ 00 \\ 00 \\ 40$
3	Lucy E. Gassett, Annie M. Bowers, Chas S. Coombs, Emma A. Moore,	2	15 11 12	14 10 11	12 9 10	88	16	1 0 1	3 1	6 5 4	24 18 18 32	24 20 20 32	54 6 27 112	00 50 50 00
4	Sophia P. Dillingham, Lennie W. Bartlett,	1 2 3	15 18 29	18 17 28	12 16 18	95	29	5 3 1	0	.7 10 15	21	28 28 32	63 63 112	00 00 00
5	M. Annie B. Wilbur,	1 2 3	7 10 8	5 5 5	5	87 71 81	11	1 2 0	0 0 1	4	21	20 20 26	45 45 91	00 00 00
6	P. C. Porter,	1 2 3	20 21 12	16 18 11	13 15 10		22	0 0 0	4 2 3	10 13 8	$2\frac{1}{2}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$	28 28 32	63 63 112	00 00 00
7	Robert C. French, W. Anna Harding,	1 2 3	27 29 28	25 27 23	23 25 20	95	29	2 1 0	5	14 16 16	21	26	49 58 112	50 50 00
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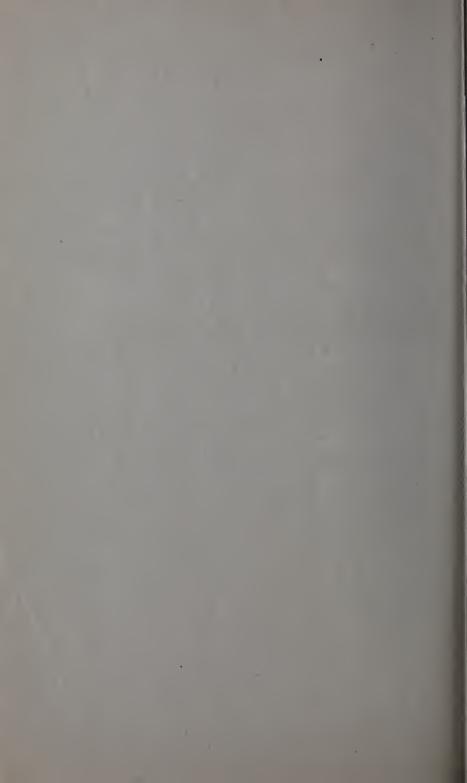
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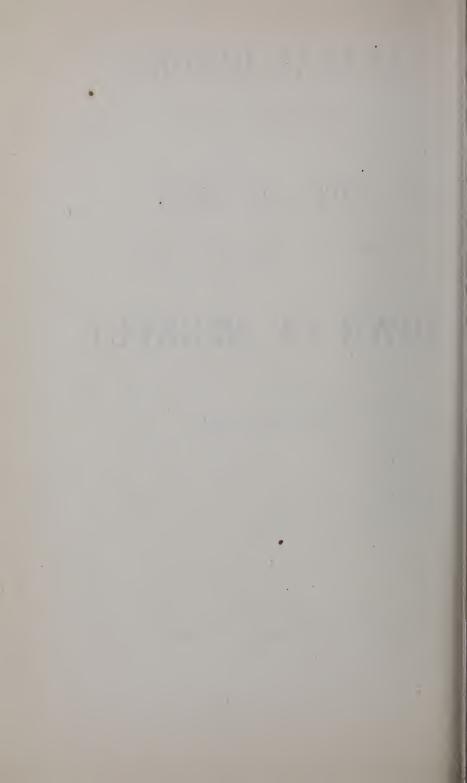
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Berkley herewith submit their annual report for 1882-3.

When the present board of Selectmen came into office, they found the Almshouse and Farm belonging to the town provided with a superintendent for the then coming current year, and all the property in the appraisal schedule upon the farm turned over to him for his supervision and management, at a salary of \$180.00. The appraisal of 1882 was taken by our predecessors on the 13th day of March, the aggregate of which was \$1095.32. The schedule this year (1883) made by the present board on the 5th of February, summed up \$957.73, (see schedule 1883), making a deficiency in the property on the farm from last year of \$135.59. Taking the two appraisals, (March 13th, 1882 and February 5th, 1883) on a cash basis, the superintendent alone has cost the town this current year \$135.59, salary, \$180.00—\$315.59; and more, by an examination of this book, we find he has charged the Almshouse with articles bought for himself and inmates \$570.50, and given credit for sales of produce from the farm \$458.82; then it is plainly seen that the concern has become indebted to the superintendent \$111.68. This gives an aggregate of cost to the town to run the establishment during this current year of \$427.27; then by adding \$200.00 interest on the farm and buildings, say nothing of the increase or dimunition in the value of the property, there is a still greater aggregate of cost, which is \$627.27. When we look at

this aggregate, we are bound to consider the inmates as more than doubled since the twenty-sixth of last April. On that day five were added to the poor family. Last year the inmates to be supplied with food and clothing, to say nothing of an additional fraction, were only $3\frac{2}{3}$; this current year eight inmates will have been supplied. Last year the supplies, as shown by the book of the superintendent, were a cost to the town of \$345.28, with only $3\frac{2}{3}$ inmates to provide for; this year the provisions for eight inmates has cost the town only \$570.50. Thus, it is evident that with more than double the inmates, and notwithstanding the unfavorable season for farm produce, the cost to the town has not doubled by \$120.06. The superintendent has sold from the farm \$91.40 more than was sold last year.

APPRAISAL.

1 horse,		\$140.00
6 cows,		191.00
4 shoats,		40.00
80 hens,		48.00
9 tons of E. hay,		180.00
4 66 66 66		40.00
2 bushels rye,		2.00
10 " corn,		8.00
3 of M shingles,		2.25
3 scythes and 1 snath,		2.00
9 locust posts,		4.50
A lot of poles and stakes,		2.00
1 grind stone,		3.00
6 cords wood in wood-house,		30.00
17 bushels potatoes,		17.00
7 " small potatoes,		2.80
11 "French turnips,		8.80
4 hams,		10.20
30 pounds lard,		4.50
$20\frac{1}{2}$ " tallow,		1.23
175 " pork,		26.25

16 cellong violales	4.80
16 gallons pickles,	
1 barrel vinegar,	6.00
2 churns, \$5.00; wringer, \$5.00,	10.00
2 tubs; 22 milk pans and 3 milk pails,	3.50
Apple parer and butter mold and brush,	1.50
1 lantern and 1 harrow,	3.40
Iron bar, sledge and 3 chains,	5.00
3 hoes and 1 spade,	2.00
3 hay forks; 2 manure forks,	1.00
1 sleigh,	4.00
1 mowing machine and horse rake,	47.00
2 plows and 3 rakes,	9.50
1 one-horse cultivator,	6.00
1 tackle and lot of harness,	6.50
1 stump hook and 2 ladders,	3.00
1 whiffletree and wrench,	1.25
1 express wagon,	30.00
1 farm wagon,	48.00
2 saws and 3 axes,	3.75

Aggregate,

\$959.73

As overseers of the poor we report eight inmates at our Almshouse, viz.:

Amanda French	aged	80.
John Hall	66	75.
John Westgate	6 6	57.
Mrs. Addie Robare	6.6	29.
Mitchell Robare	6 6	$11\frac{1}{2}$.
Addie Ellen Robare	6.6	9.
Reuben Austin Robare	6.6	$7\frac{1}{2}$.
Mary Lillian Robare	6.6	$4\frac{3}{4}$.

The above-named paupers enjoy a good share of health, and are well cared for, at a cost to the town of about \$1.50 per week each.

When we consider the increase of inmates in our Almshsuse; the unfavorable season for producing supplies from the farm, and the advance in price of many articles which

must be had, no reasonable person will be at all surprised at the cost of supporting the poor at the Almshouse this current year.

During the current year there has been three tramps or travellers entertained at the Almshouse.

The support of the poor this year out of, as well as at the Almshouse, has been considerable during the year, and seems likely to be no less for years to come.

The time has fully come in which the good sense and wise sentiment of the town should furnish suitable accommodations, and cause all "permanent paupers" to be cared for or supported at the Almshouse, unless a sufficient reason is given to the contrary. Our Almshouse, say nothing of its outside ancient look, is destitute of proper arrangements for convenience and accommodation, even for the present We sincerely hope the town will take number of inmates. this matter into consideration, and not have our Almshouse reflect dishonor on the charities of the Town of Berkley. Let the noble-minded and generous-hearted people of Berkley advocate a worthy cause. The good sense of the town demands it as an economical measure; the honor and charity of the town demand it, and all that is lovely and kind in our nature demand it. If this demand is met by the benevolence of the town, the present cost, which is about one thousand dollars a year, outside of the Almshouse, will be greatly reduced and the credit of the town greatly increased; -and the dependents of to-day and of coming days and years will pronounce on this benignant act of the town a lasting benison.

D. S. BRIGGS, ALBERT W. ALLEN, of ROLLIN H. BABBITT, Berkley.

Treasurer's Report.

FROM MARCH 25, 1882, TO FEB. 10, 1883, INCLUSIVE— $10\frac{1}{2}$ MONTHS.

RECEIPTS.

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1882.			
March 25, Balance in	treasury on settlement,	\$379	01
April 1, Received from	n city of Taunton,	10	00
May 27, W. D. Nicho	ols, fish note,	65	00
31, J. W. Thras	her, " "	87	00
June 3, Robert Pettis,	, oyster note,	1306	00
Oct. 27, T. P. Paull,	tuition, damages, etc.,	11	85
Nov. 6, P. C. Porter,	for old windows,		50
Dec. 6, State Treasur	er, corporation tax,	48	04
	National Bank tax,	595	05
	State aid,	144	00
1883.	Military aid,	120	00
Jan. 30,	Income, school fund,	216	25
Feb. 7, County Treasu	irer, dog fund,	81	33
Feb. 9, N.H.Strange,	Collector, whole amt. tax	tes com'ted,3549	14
		\$6613	17

EXPENDITURES.

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

1882.	
April 1, N. G. Case, care of house,	3 50
June 12, Julia R. Burt, teaching 9 weeks,	63 00
Nov. 2, N. G. Towasend, wood,	2 25
6, Julia R. Burt, teaching 9 weeks,	63 00
9, Hercules Dean, drawing wood,	1 00

1883.	
Jan. 29, J. T. Cummings, sawing wood,	1 00
Feb. 6, N. G. Townsend, wood,	4 00
	\$137 75
	\$197 73
district no. 2.	
1882.	
June 12, P. C. Porter, teaching 9 weeks,	72 00
" repairs on house, sawing wood, etc.	. 6 68
Oct. 12, J. Howard, sawing wood,	2 25
Nov. 6, P. C. Porter, teaching 9 weeks,	72 00
Dec. 27, B. L. Burt, pail, broom, dipper, etc.,	1 15
	\$154 08
	420200
DISTRICT NO. 3.	
1882.	
May 1, E. L. Smith, care of house,	4 50
June 10, Emma A. Moore, teaching 9 weeks,	63 00
July 11, F. Norcut, cleaning house,	1 50
Oct. 25, W. H. S. Crane, cutting wood,	1 75
Nov. 2, Emma A. Moore, teaching 9 weeks,	63 00
" 7, W. D. Nichols, wood,	8 00
Dec. 26, J. H. Cummings, setting wall under house,	4 50
" sawing wood,	4 12
"Adoniram Cummings,	2 25
1883.	
Feb. 6, A. W. Allen, drawing stone, school house,	2 00
	\$154 62
district no. 4.	
1882.	
May 1, N. G. Case, repairs on house,	4 00
J. D. Dillingham, wood,	1 50
July 22, S. P. Dillingham, teaching, 9 weeks,	63 00
Nov. 7, W. D. Nichols, wood,	4 00
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1882

1002.	
June 12, T P. Paull, books for schools,	\$25 92
Oct. 27, Paull Bros., wood for schools,	28 12
1883.	
Jan. 12, Porter & Coats, phil. books for schools,	18 25
	\$72 29

RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriation,	\$1400 00
State Treasurer, School Fund,	216 25
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	81 75
	\$1698 00

REPAIRS SCHOOL HOUSE NO. 1.

1882.	
June 24, T. P. Paull, setting desks, freight, &c.,	\$32 75
Sept. 16, A. G. Whitcomb, new desks,	91 84
Oct. 5, S. Washburn, white lead and fixings,	46 22
" 12, N. G. Case, plaster for house,	48 50
" 13, J. A. Reed, painting and other labor,	36 90
" 13, G. B. Williams, lumber,	102.12
" 13, A. G. Williams, lumber,	14 94
" 13, W. D. Nichols, posts for fence,	7 00
" 18, Jerome Babbitt, stove and pipe,	26 01
" 25, Mr. Crowell, bill of paint,	11 65
" 27, T. P. Paull, labor and fixings,	123 18
Nov. 6, P. C. Porter, labor on house,	4 23
" 20, B. L. Burt, nails, pail, broom, dipper, &c.,	8 99
	\$ 554 33

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

1882.					
April 1, T	aunton	Hospital,	Fred. E	I. French,	\$46 04
July 14,	66	66	66	66	48 75
Oct. 16,	"	"	66	66	54 14
1883.					
Jan. 12,	66	66	66	"	49 88
					198 81
1882.					
April 1, T	aunton]	Hospital,	Mercy .	A. Seekell,	51 93
July 14,	66	66	4.6	44	51 05
Oct. 16,	66	66	"	"	50 85
1883.					
Jan. 12,	"	"	"	6.6	46 51
					200 35
1882. Or		•			
May 9, J.					4 50
June 10, S	•	•			23 00
		ırt & Co.		es,	15 00
July 17, S	taples &	Phillips	, coal,		7 75
Sept. 9, J					8 25
Dec. 22, 7				oal,	7 25
		acomber,			8 00
	8. L. Bu	rt & Co.	, supplie	s,	45 00
1883. Feb. 8, B.	L. Bur	t & Co	supplies		10 12
		comber,		7	3 90
	_				132 77
1882. April. Dr	Howe	medical	attendar	nce, F. B. Briggs,	45 00
_				B. Briggs,	12 00
May 16,	"	66	66	***	6 00
					63 00

1882.					
May 16, H	3. & H	Macomb	er 10 ·	woole	20 00
July 6,	"	"	9	" · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	18 00
Sept. 12,	. 66	66	10	"	20 00
Dec. 1,	66	66	12	44	24 00
1883.					
Fb. 10,	"	"	10	44	20 00
					102 00
18S2. Re	obare F	amily:—			
May 27, C	City of	Γaunton,	law sui	t,	38 86
Oct. 27, V				family,	4 50
Nov. 7, C	. W. S	anders, su	pplies,		5 00
1000					48 36
1882.	ity of T	aunton, r	elief to	Ada Weldon,	12 00
July 11, C	•				5 55
•				Huldia Seekel	1, 26 67
					44 22
July 31, J		•		onths' care of F	
1009	Maco	mber's ch	ila to c	late,	39 00
1883.	v R S	mith six	months	s' care Fred. Ma	ecom.
van. 01, v		child to da		care From Die	44 00
					83 00
Oct. 9, Dr	r. Hath	away, me	dical se	rvice,	9 00
					881 51
Add to the	e above				110 00
			not ref	turned by the St	
and pai	d we ha	ve the sur	n of our poo	or out of almsho	991 51

1883. Fall River poor:—	
Feb. 5, To Miss C. E. Albro, six dollars per month for	£ 4.00
the last 9 months ending at this date,	54 00
Medical attendance, Angeline Eddy and children,	5 00
•	\$59 00
MILITARY AID.	
Feb. 10, Advance Military Aid to Wm. R. Smith, 11	
months ending Feb. 28, 1883, \$12 per mo., Feb. 10, Advance Military Aid to B. F. Dean. 11 mos.	\$132 00
ending Feb. 28, 1883, \$8 per month,	88 00
	\$220 00
STATE AID.	
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Feb. 10, State Aid to C. E. Wellman, 10 months ending Jan. 31, 1883, \$8 per month,	\$ 80 0 0
Feb. 10, State Aid to Lewis Green, 12 months ending	
Dec. 31, 1882, \$3 per month,	36 00
Feb. 10, State Aid to Bildad Williams, 11 mos. ending	
Jan. 31, 1883, \$1.50 per month,	16 50
	\$132 50
	\$102 00
MISCELLANEOUS BILLS PAID.	
1882.	
April 1, E. B. Babbitt, to make his own Treasurer's rep	ort, 10 00
" J. T. Townsend, settle with Treasurer,	1 00
" J. S. Sampson, printing report,	28 00
June 10, Standish, care of B. and D. bridge,	54 62
July 5, Town Middleboro, watching fish,	20 00
"11, G. Williams, lumber for town barn,	8 73

August 3, C. A. Davis, posts for town barn,	3 00
" 9, A. W. Allen, labor on town barn,	14 00
" 22, H. M. Simmons, lumber for town barn,	20 55
" F. R. Washburn, bolts, &c., town barn,	4 67
Sept. 5, Henry Hathaway, labor on town barn.	19 02
Oct. 21, Standish, care of bridge,	42 00
" Hercules Dean, stationery,	1 55
"Geo. Williams, lumber for town barn,	4 64
Dec. 1, H. & G. E. Williams, legal advice,	11 00
" 11, State Treasurer, State tax,	3 60 00
1883.	
January 5, Standish, care of bridge,	21 00
" 25, Recording deed land school house lot No. 6,	50
Feb. 10, County Treasurer, County tax,	317 16
" Stationery and postage,	1 35
" N. H. Strange, Collector, sinkage order,	19 13
" discount on early payment,	328 86
" Collector, commissions,	70 00
	\$ 1360 78

PAID TO TOWN OFFICERS.

1882.	
April 1, B. F. Coombs, school committee,	12 50
"W. H. S. Crane, constable service,	6 00
June 12, P. C. Porter, school committee,	2 25
Oct. 25, Hercules Dean, assessing taxes 10 days,	25 00
" 27, C. F. Paull, assessing taxes 9½ days,	23 12
Nov. 7, H. F. Briggs, serving dog warrants,	8 00
1883.	
Feb. 6, A. E. Dean, assessing taxes 8 days,	20 00
" 8, J. A. Read, town clerk,	31 75

\$128 62

EXPENDED BY SELECTMEN ON HIGHWAYS.

1882.	
March 29, T. A. Briggs and others, District No. 3,	13 75
Oct. 16, E. H. Allen, repairs of bridge, No. 1,	13 25
"17, T. T. Burt and others, No. 2,	66 00
"W. K. Evans, 132 loads gravel, No. 2,	5 28
Nov. 16, C. E. Viall, No. 6,	9 75
" 20, R. B. Eaton, labor and powder, No. 5,	13 20
" 47 loads gravel, No. 5,	.1 41
"B. H. Thrasher, labor and gravel, No. 6,	17 76
Dec. 14, A. W. Allen, labor on bridge, No. 1,	8 06
" and others. No. 5,	28 95
1883.	
Jan. 11, H. Hathaway and others, on bridge, No. 1,	30 2 9
" H. A. Dean, 240 loads gravel, " "	4 80
" J. T. Cummings, labor on bridge, "	10 20
', 24, H. Dean, labor, stone and gravel, "	5 67
Feb. 6, A. Pierce, labor, No. 5,	3 51
	\$231 88

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT No. 1— Henry Hathaway, Surveyor.

A. H. Allen,	\$ 10 20
D. S. Briggs,	8 50
Charles Bissett,	4 76
John Cameron,	5 10
J. T. Cummings,	9 00
Hercules Dean,	11 44
Henry Hathaway,	88 37
G. L. Leach,	15 49
Elijah Wilbur,	9 35
Christopher French,	1 50
J. A. Read,	9 01
A. H. Allen,	9 10
	\$ 181 82

DISTRICT No. 2—T. T. Burt, Surveyor.	
T. T. Burt,	39 95
George A. Norcutt,	2 55
Stephen Cory,	15 38
Willie Westgate,	5 10
Charles Cory,	26 35
Alvin Briggs,	17 00
H. A. Dean,	17 00
A. Boardman,	6 80
A. Coville,	51
Irving Chase,	20 40
T. C. Dean, 260 loads gravel,	10 40
T. T. Burt,	9 10
Stephen Corey,	5 65
George A. Norcutt,	3 05
Caleb Briggs,	65
Mrs. Maria Dean, 20 loads gravel,	80
T. C. Dean, 22 loads gravel,	88
	\$181 57
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District No. 3— G. H. Myrick, Surveyor.	\$181 57
DISTRICT No. 3— G. H. Myrick, Surveyor. Edward Babbitt, labor,	\$181 57 3 23
Edward Babbitt, labor, Simeon Briggs, Thomas Briggs,	3 23
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G. H. Myrick, 24 34 Cyrus Hathaway, 5 66 Albert Hathaway, 3 40 Stephen Hathaway, 6 40 Francis Newhall, 11 05 A. J. Wilcox, 3 23 **State Chace, 5 20 Benjamin Chace, work \$3 40, gravel \$9 84, 13 24 George E. Boyce, 7 65 John Boyce, 8 60 Elisha Belcher, 3 17
Albert Hathaway, 3 40 Stephen Hathaway, 6 40 Francis Newhall, 11 05 A. J. Wilcox, 3 23 *130 42 *DISTRICT No. 4—J. Dillingham, Surveyor. Peter Chace, 5 20 Benjamin Chace, work \$3 40, gravel \$9 84, 13 24 George E. Boyce, 7 65 John Boyce, 8 60
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Calvin Belcher, 1 70
William Belcher, 2 15
John Q. Dillingham, 17 11
J. D. Dillingham,
W. D. Nichols, 18 49
Simeon Luther, 3 40
Benjamin Luther, 9 00
Alexander Gray, 5 10
B. G. Hathaway, 7 18
B. F. Coombs, \$12 80, gravel, \$1 92,
C. A. Davis, 6 05
John Grinnell, 6 15
Benjamin Phillips, 5 90
James Maguire, 4 08
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\$157 03
District No. 5—Thomas Terry, Surveyor.
Thomas Terry, \$9 43
Alfred Pierce, 10 58
J. F. Richmond, 6 63
Joseph W. Terry, - 1 53
Edward E. Terry, 3 23
David T. Strange, 6 46
Albert W. Allen, 756
3

N. H. Strange,		
Clinton L. Briggs,		96
Cyrus Haskins,		89
Apollos Webster,		93
Albert W. Stradge,	5	44
Willard Hathaway,		68
mara namaway,	1	53
	\$75	86
District No. 6—William Caswell, Surveyor.	* 10	
W. Caswell,	\$23	02
P. H. Fletcher,		00
N. G. Townsend,	5	95
J. T. Townsend,	5	10
B. H. Thrasher,	6	14
S. G. Robbins,	1	70
H. J. Dyer,	2	08
J. Seymour,	5	70
C. P. French,	4	88
T. H. Seekell,	7	15
J. Staples,	5	43
D. Westgate,	5	40
G. A. Harmon,	2	04
W. Smith,	2	04
R. Macomber,	1	89
Israel Chase,	3	40
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District No. 7—Henry Shove, Surveyor.	\$96	92
Julius C. Haskins.	\$11	00
John Meack,		10
Leander Terry,		80
Elam Haskins,		80
Whitney Farmer.		
George Clark,		40
James S. Wade,		10
Edward Brightman,		80
George Macomber,		40
		80
Seth Staples,		10
John Cushing,	3	40

Silas Downing,	1	70
Charles White,	1	70
Lydia Haskins, \$1 70, 25 loads of gravel, \$0 75,	2	45
James Pierce,	5	10
William Pierce,	6	80
Jason Pitsley,	5	10
William Simms,	3	06
Paull Brothers,	12	07
Apollos Reed,	1	70
John Staples,	5	10
Henry Shove,	37	40
Elkanah Pierce, \$10 20, 42 loads grayel, \$1 26,	11	46
Russell Haskins,	3	40
Paull Brothers, 28 loads gravel,		84
Marshall Williams,		85
Frank S. Macomber,	2	60
Isaac N. Horton,	2	60
Cassius C. Viall,	3	00
William Simms,	2	60
Charles White,	9	23
Julius C. Haskins, 15 posts,	3	75
Henry Shove,	11	44
Paid for railing on bridge,		75
Paid for nails and iron on bridge,		60
	\$199	70
Highway Appropriation,	\$1300	00
1882. ACCOUNTS DUE.		
Feb. 10, From E. B. Babbitt, Treas. 1881-2,	\$40	25
Feb. 10, From N. H. Strange, Collector 1882-3,	215	71
Feb. 10, From Fall River, assistance rendered to Mrs. C.		
E. Albro and Angeline Eddy and children,	59	00
	0014	0.0
	\$314	96

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Total Rece	eipts,				\$6,613	17
Paid on account of Schools,		\$1027	82	. ,		
66	6.6	Wood and Books,	72	29		
66	66	Repairs Schoolhouse No.	1, 554	33		
66	66	Poor out of Almshouse,	881			
4.6		Fall River poor,	59	00		
6.6	6.6	Military Aid,	220	00		
٠,	66	State Aid,	132	50		
66	66	Miscellaneous,	1360	78		
66	66	Town Officers,	128	62		
4.6	66	Highway, by Selectmen,	231	88		
66	66	" by Surveyors,	1023	32		
Due from	E. B. I	Babbitt, Treas. 1881-2,	40	25		
Due from	N. H.	Strange, Collector 1882-3,	215	71		
Balance in Treasury,		665	16			
					\$6,613	17

WILLIAM BABBITT, Treas. of Berkley.

COPY OF RECORD.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer have this day attended to that duty and find his charges correct and duly authenticated.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer a balance due the town of \$665 16.

NOTES OF ROBERT PETTIS, OF PROVIDENCE.

No. 1, due June 1, 1883,	\$1306 00
No. 2, due June 1, 1884,	1306 00
No. 3, due June 1, 1885,	1306 00
One fish note due from W. D. Nichols, June 1, 1883,	61 00
" " J. C. Standish, June 1, 1883,	65 00

D. S. BRIGGS,
ALBERT W. ALLEN,
ROLLIN H. BABBITT,

Committee to settle
with
Treasurer.

Berkley, Feb. 10, 1883.

A true copy—Attest:

WILLIAM BABBITT, Treasurer.

LIST OF TAXES

FOR THE YEAR 1882-3.

Stephen B. Allen heirs,		\$23 40
Amos H. Allen,		2 00
Edwin H. Allen,		2 45
Davis Allen,		21 31
Albert W. Allen,		2 00
Jethro Ashley,		12 92
Martin Alden,		15 53
Augustus Adams,		2 00
Benjamin Anthony,		9 96
Henry Anthony,		2 00
Polly and Rachel Burt,		75
Edward Brightman,		2 30
Holder Brightman,		2 00
Thomas Burt heirs,	•	10 88
Caroline Burt,		4 01
Stephen A. Burt,		10 14
Daniel S. Briggs,		15 20
Caleb S. Briggs,		7 71
Andrew Briggs,		2 94
Charles Bissett,		22 26
Charles Bissett, guardian,		3 75
Caleb D. Babbitt,		2 00
William Babbitt,		25 06
William Babbitt and others,		7 50
William Boyce,		8 56
Edward Babbitt,		10 33
Simeon Briggs heirs,		11 81
Simeon Briggs,		2 38
Herbert F. Briggs,		2 00
Thomas A. Briggs,		15 76
John'D. Babbitt heirs,		10 32
Artemas B. Babbitt,		2 00

Adoniram Babbitt.		
Rollin H. Babbitt,		2 75
Enoch B. Babbitt,		13 26
Horace B. Babbitt,		22 06
Isaac Babbitt,		2 00
Gideon H. Babbitt,		25.86
Albert F. Bassett,		2 00
John Boyce,		11 33
George E. Boyce,		19 52
Elisha Belcher,		18 39
		5 75
Calvin Belcher, William H. Belcher,		4 82
		2 00
Leonard T. Belcher,		2 00
Lucy A. Briggs,		2 63
Job D. Briggs,		2 00
Sarah Burt,		2 48
Thomas T. Burt,		5 19
Nancy T. Burt,		12 56
Alvin Briggs,		15 69
N. G. T. Bowen,	and the second second	18 65
George H. Bowers,		19 33
Alfred Boardman,		20 23
Richard Burn,		2 00
Isaac Braley,		2 75
George W. Bowen,		2 45
Alden C. Babcock,		2 00
Joseph G. Besse,		2 00
Thomas Chaffee,		2 00
Abby Chaffee,		2 06
John C. Crane,		18 69
W. H. S. Crane,	,	13 07
Samuel Covel,		13 29
George Crane,		2 00
Sarah Crane,		6 56
Adoniram Cummings,		8 34
Benjamin F. Coombs.		22 97
Everett Coombs,		2 00
Margaret Crane,		15 98
John Cameron,		2 00
Abiel B. Crane,		12 62
George Cummings,		8 07
Joseph T. Cummings,		7 36
Jason Cummings,		11 04
Barzillai Crane heirs,		6 00
Nathan G. Case,		9 88
Charles Corey,		14 60
Stephen Corey,		9 50

Thomas G Chase,	2 56
Irving A. Chase,	3 ()5
George W. Cummings,	2 68
Andrew H. Covel,	3 65
	$26\overline{27}$
Charles E. Clark,	
Charles E. Clark, Jr.	6 88
John J. Clark,	2 00
James Clark,	2 00
Benjamin Crane heirs,	75
Peter L. Chase,	30 69
Thomas H. Chase,	2 00
Charles E Chase,	2 00
Benjamin F. Chase,	16 14
	8 57
Henry W. Clark,	
Israel Chase,	8 91
William Caswell,	18 73
Daniel Caswell,	2 00
Charles E. Carr.	12 69
William H. Cole,	2 23
Samuel H. Cudworth,	10 33
Everett H. Cudworth,	2 00
Calvin T. Crane,	22 07
John Cushing,	3 50
E. R. Clark,	3 19
George W. Caswell,	79
Stephen H. Clark,	2 19
George S. Clark,	10 44
Vernon L. Dean,	2 00
Hercules Dean,	20 79
Thomas C. Dean,	19 25
Thomas B. Dean heirs,	4 47
Miles S. Dean,	13 89
Clarence Dean,	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{75}$
Albert E. Dean,	2 00
Thomas F. Dean,	
	18 46
Ebenezer Dean heirs,	18 46
Charles A. Davis,	11 08
James D. Dillingham,	16 14
John Q. Dillingham,	31 29
Esther D. Dillingham,	3 00
Sophia P. D. Dillingham,	3 00
Silas Downing,	5 19
Henry J. Dyer,	6 62
Herbert A. Dean,	78 98
William Donaldson,	10 50
Isaac Ellis,	2 00
Margaret Ellis,	2 00 2 25
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Rollin B. Eaton,	14 27
Theodore H. Eaton,	2 15
Joseph R. Elsbree,	16 33
Jeremiah Elsbree,	2 00
William K. Evans,	12 69
Oliver E. French,	17 01
Charles W. Farmer,	12 39
Emily Farmer,	7 13
James O. French,	5 94
Timothy E. French,	6 31
Isaac E. French,	2 00
Mary B French,	58
Charles Fisher,	2 00
Christopher P. French,	12 39
Lewis P. Fletcher,	2 75
Philip H. Fletcher,	39 68
Lewis Greene,	4 18
Allen Gray,	11 79
Alexander Gray,	2 75
John Grinnell,	12 99
John Gidmark,	2 00
Shadrach Hathaway,	9 56
Enoch S. Hathaway,	3 13
Enoch Hathaway heirs,	1 13
Benjamin Hathaway heirs,	3 75
Henry Hathaway,	10 44
Willard H. Hathaway,	2 71
Elizabeth J. Haskins,	17 06
Rebecca G. Hathaway,	15 15
David Hoxie,	23 86
Otis Haskell,	2 56
William H. Haskell,	2 00
James A. Haskell,	- 2 00
Charles T. Hatch,	2 00
Edward Haskins,	2 00
Frederic N. Horton,	2 00
Cyrus Hathaway,	12 01
Sarah Hathaway,	1 50
Albert Hathaway,	2 86
Rowena Hathaway,	38
Cyrus Haskins,	2 71
Cyrus Haskins heirs,	6 30
Bradford G. Hathaway,	12 50
Peter Hathaway heirs,	14 25
George A. Harmon,	2 00
Arza Harmon,	2 ()0
John Harmon,	6 37

Augustus R. Haines,	5 75
Henry A. Haines,	2 00
Clarence E. Haines.	2 00
Clarence E. Hall,	2 00
Goorge F. Howard,	2 00
Joseph A. Howard,	2 42
Russell Haskins,	2 00
Stephen Hathaway,	16 03
Julius C. Haskins,	21 31
Charles R. Haskins,	2 00
W. W. Haskins,	2 19
John T. Haskins,	2 00
Elam R. Haskins,	10 96
Cornelius Harrington.	3 39
	6 26
Jacob C. Haskins,	2 19
	15 37
Lydia G. Haskins,	7 50
Fanny Haskins heirs,	7 50
Sarah J. Hoard heirs,	
Issac N. Horton,	$\begin{array}{c} 3 & 24 \\ 2 & 68 \end{array}$
Edward V. Hazzard,	
Arthur Jones,	2 38
Giles L. Leach,	36 02
Obediah Lawton,	12 56
William F. Lincoln,	2 19
Simeon W. Luther,	2 56
Benjamin Luther,	16 36
Margaret Luther,	6 75
Frank S. Macomber,	8 56
James H. Macomber,	5 16
Horace N. Macomber,	3 24
Frederick Macomber,	2 00
Bradford W. Macomber,	75
Gideon H. Myrick,	13 55
John W. Meack,	6 39
Sarah C. Myrick,	15 30
Ebenezer Macomber,	12 66
George W. Macomber,	27 39
George R. Macomber,	2 79
Restcome Macomber,	15 24
Rufus B. Macomber,	2 00
James Maguire,	16 82
Arthur A. Macomber,	2 00
L. D. Millard,	37 74
Macomber & Brightman,	15 00
Samuel Norcutt,	3 38
George A. Norcutt,	2 75
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Silas Norcutt,		9 28
Barnard Norcutt,		7 21
Francis Newhall,		$22 \ 06$
Betsey Newhall,		94
Walter D. Nichols,		30 46
John H. Nichols,		2 00
Emma Nichols,		56
Augustus F. Pierce,		15 31
James Pierce,		48 88
Jason Pitsley,		3 31
Everett C. Pierce,		2 00
Albert Pitts,		$55 \ 25$
Thomas F. Poole,		2 00
Walter W. Phillips,		2 19
Samuel W. Phillips,		4 29
Benjamin Paull heirs,		8 06
James F. Phillips,		9 50
Everett F. Phillips,		2 00
Andrew N. Pierce heirs,		5 01
		12 41
Darius Phillips heirs,		
Jeremiah W. Pierce,		68
Samuel S. Pierce,		4 66
Shepard Phillips,		4 06
Alfred Pierce,		13 71
Philip C. Porter,		2 00
Franklin Phillips,		8 98
Charles F. Phillips,		2 30
F. A. Paull heirs,		17 25
C. F. Paull,		2 00
James W. Paull,		2 00
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Thomas P. Paull,		2 00
Paull Brothers,		30 84
David R. Pierce heirs,		3 00
Mrs. David R. Pierce,		1 50
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Abisha Pitsley,		
Elkanah Pierce,		39 24
William H. Pierce,		52 40
William H. Pierce, guardian,		2 25
Joshua Padelford,		2 00
John A. Read,		11 49
Otis E. Read,		2 00
		5 38
Asa W. Reed,		
John F. Richmond,		10 02
David K. Richmond,		2 00
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Mrs. Stephen Ramsdell,		
Apollos B. Read,		2 00
Salmon Richmond heirs,		9 75
Desirable Recommend nerve,		0 10

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Walter B. Sadler,		2 00
Albert Sigapoos,		2 00
William H. Smith,		7 82
Sinai Seekell,		1 50
Thomas P. Staples,		5 00
Daniel D. Strange,		20 07
Noah Strange,		2 00
Thomas Strange heirs		27 75
George P. Strange,		3 95
George A. Strange,		2 06
Maria J. Strange,		90
David T. Strange,		16 06
Ellery W. Strange,		2 00
Elam Staples,		2 23
Charles F. Staples,		2 00
Darius Sanford,		5 67
Charles A. Shaw,		5 70
David F. Strange,		3 19
Joseph Staples,		9 94
Isaac Seymore,		20 34
Thomas H. Seekell,		17 94
John S. Staples,		19 77
Seth F. Staples,		14 31
Timothy Staples,		15 99
Henry Shove,		8 04
William Simms,		20 54
William G. Simms,		2 00
Cong. Society,		6 38
Frank Sullivan,		2 00
Edward L. Smith,		2 00
John Smith,		2 00
George L. Turcott,		2 00
Leander Terry,		15 49
Noah D. Thrasher,		9 13
Jonathan W. Thrasher		26 19
Charles O. Thrasher.		2 08
Benjamin H. Thrasher	•.	4 96
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13 74

John H. Thrasher, John T. Townsend,

Thomas Terry, Joseph W. Terry, Zebedee Terry, Edward E. Terry,

Eliphalet Terry, Thomas J. Tew heirs, Charles H. Thomas,

Nathaniel G. Townsend,

Gustavus Tripp,		5 75
Cassius E. Viall,		3 20
Amanda Wilbur,		98
George W. Westgate,		9 55
George H. Westgate,		5 19
Eli Wardell,		2 38
James B. Westgate,		11 93
Dean P. Westgate.		14 33
George E. Westgate,		2 15
Elijah Wilbur,		8 49
Henry S. Wilbur,		2 00
Bildad Williams,		4 11
George F. Wilbur,		22.72
Charles H. Williams.		2 00
Seth E. Williams.		10 81
Caroline Williams,		3 38
James E. Westgate,		4 50
Andrew Waters,		9 83
John S. Willis,	•	12 43
James Wade,		18 20
Charles M. Wade,		2 00
William Whitmore heirs,		6 38
Charles S. White,		11 60
Carlos C. Wellman,		2 00
Theodore Wilbur,		10 06
Marshall B. Williams,		2 00
Arthur White,		2 00
Adoniram Wilcox,		2 83
Elisha Williams,		4 25
Frederick Whittaker,		2 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

TAUNTON.

	TYK O T. T (AT.)		
Nathan Clark,		\$4	61
George Seekell,	1	2	25
James H. Wade,		9	19
William Morse,		6	75
J. Frank Dean,		17	33
Charles F. Johnson,		3	38
W. Albert Haskins.			38
Edward P. Macomber,		2	25
David C. Dean,		3	86
James J. Dean,		.2	62
Charles W. Padelford,			23
Rufus Macomber,		35	18

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Ebenezer Macomber, guardian,			1 88
Nelson E. Blinn,	*		38
William Burt,			1 88
Benjamin Burt,			3 00
Samuel B Chase,			4 88
Anthony & Cushman,			4 88
David W. Dean,			7 31
Jacob Eldridge,			75
George A. Field and others,			7 50
John Godfrey estate,			23
Enoch Goff,			56
Staples & Godfrey,			2 63
Edward W. Macomber,			75
Sylvia Hathaway,			-56
Enoch Hathaway heirs,			56
George Hart,			38
Edward O. Hart,			5 63
John W. Hart,			4 50
James E. Hart,			1 31
Lysander W. Hart,			1 31
Henry B. Macomber,			3 00
Samuel W. Macomber,		,	$\frac{4}{50}$
William F. Macomber,			38
Stephen Pierce,			19
Oliver A. Pierce,			75
William Price,			5 25
Isaac Fish,			$\begin{array}{c} 225 \\ 225 \end{array}$
David Padelford,			1 31
James Paull heirs,			3 75
Elias Phillips heirs,			3 25
Barnard Quigley heirs,			1 50
Sinai Williams and others,			2 63
Alpheus Sanford heirs,			$\frac{2}{2} \frac{00}{17}$
John E. Sanford,			1 50
Abraham Shores,			4 50
Martin Smith,			45
Jacob Phillips,			2 63
Lloyd Williams heirs,			$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
George Williams,			6 00
James Witherell,			4 13
Francis K. Williams,			25 88
A. White & Co.,			
A. L. Bliss,			$\begin{array}{c}5 \ 25 \\ 23 \ 48\end{array}$
Job Hamer,			-
Lysander Soper,			2 25
James Gillispie,			38
Mary Haskins,			1 13
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William W Emmi		TOK
William W. French.		I 35
Elkanah Hathaway,		8 25
Lewis Bragg,		3 75
Charles D. White,		1 13
Alexander H. Williams,		38
Alexander E. Burt,		38
Abiel Staples,		1 88
	FREETOWN.	
Daniel H. Cudworth,		15
William H. Cudworth beirs	s,	23
Hathaway & Evans,		1 88
Charles E. Hathaway,		1 88
Jonathan Gurney,		60
Thomas G. Nichols,		1 13
Nichols & Sampson,		1 88
James Winslow,		94
Charles Eddy,		56
Apollos Webster,		14 81
John D. Wilson,		1 88
Joseph D Hathaway,		6 79
Charles H. Briggs,		2 25
Gilbert M. Nichols,		3 75
George L. Hammond,		8 81
deorge 13. Hammond,		001
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Clothier Allen heirs,	LAKEVILLE	3 75
John Allen, .	LAKEVILLE-	45
John Allen, John F. Allen,	LAKEVILLE-	$\begin{array}{c} 45 \\ 394 \end{array}$
John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane,	LAKEVILLE-	45 3 94 9 00
John Allen, John F. Allen,	LAKEVILE-	45 3 94 9 00 2 44
John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane,	LAKEVILE-	45 3 94 9 00 2 44 19
John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane, William Canedy,	LAKEVILE-	45 3 94 9 00 2 44 19 3 15
John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane, William Canedy, Job Pierce,	LAKEVILE-	45 3 94 9 00 2 44 19 3 15 1 50
John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane, William Canedy, Job Pierce, Ethan E. Pierce,	LAKEVILE	45 3 94 9 00 2 44 19 3 15 1 50
John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane, William Canedy, Job Pierce, Ethan E. Pierce, Amelia Paull,	LAKEVILE	45 3 94 9 00 2 44 19 3 15 1 50 19 3 75
John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane, William Canedy, Job Pierce, Ethan E. Pierce, Amelia Paull, Euos Pierce,	LAKEVILE	45 3 94 9 00 2 44 19 3 15 1 50 19 3 75 4 88
John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane, William Canedy, Job Pierce, Ethan E. Pierce, Amelia Paull, Euos Pierce, Henry C. Pickens, Cyrus O. Elmes,	LAKEVILE	45 3 94 9 00 2 44 19 3 15 1 50 19 3 75
John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane, William Canedy, Job Pierce, Ethan E. Pierce, Amelia Paull, Euos Pierce, Henry C. Pickens, Cyrus O. Elmes, Charles Farmer,	LAKEVILE	45 3 94 9 00 2 44 19 3 15 1 50 19 3 75 4 88
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John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane, William Canedy, Job Pierce, Ethan E. Pierce, Amelia Paull, Enos Pierce, Henry C. Pickens, Cyrus O Elmes, Charles Farmer, Jerry Murphy, James P. Pierce,	LAKEVILE	45 3 94 9 00 2 44 19 3 15 1 50 19 3 75 4 88 60 3 38
John Allen, John F. Allen, Ebenezer Crane, William Canedy, Job Pierce, Ethan E. Pierce, Amelia Paull, Enos Pierce, Henry C. Pickens, Cyrus O Elmes, Charles Farmer, Jerry Murphy, James P. Pierce, Abraham Pierce heirs,	LAKEVILE	45 3 94 9 00 2 44 19 3 15 1 50 19 3 75 4 88 60 3 38 -2 36
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PROVIDENCE, R. I.	
William Seekell,	75
Jane Renches heirs,	2 25
Frank D. Chester,	8 51
Joseph W. Puffer,	5 44
George F. Crowningshield,	4 31
Calvin T. Dean,	3 00
William B. Haskins,	4 50
Malacha Haskins,	6 19
DIGHTON.	
Shove & Perry,	5 25
Charles N. Simmons,	5 63
Noble S. Simmons heirs,	4 88
Charles E. Whitmarsh,	45
FALL RIVER.	
Edmund Chase and others,	9 00
W. B. Durfee,	52 50
Caroline Dean heirs,	38
BOSTON.	
Ellen Anderson,	1 88
B. C. & F. Railroad, N. B. Div.,	30 00
CAMBRIDGE,	
John Crane heirs,	12 38
BRIGHTON.	
Ambrose W. Hathaway,	3 75
RAYNHAM.	
Enoch Sanford,	1 13
Enoch Samoru,	1 10
RЕНОВОТН.	
William W. Blandin,	7 88
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS.	
George W. Pierce,	2 25
PORTSMOUTH, R. I.	
Abby Chase,	3 00
FOXBORO.	
	0.00
Simmons Winslow,	6 86
VERMONT.	
Sumner S. Thompson,	4 13
INDIANA.	

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Jonathan Crane,

Est	IMATED VALUE OF	Town	PROPERT	Y, APRIL	3, 1882.	
Town F	arm and buildings	•			\$2750	00
	Property on Fari				1095	32
Town E					1000	00
School H	Houses,				7350	00
Standard	l Weights and Me	asures,			100	00
	of Safe,				50	00
Cemeter	ies,				100	00
Gravel I	Hill,				350	00
	Total,				\$ 12,795	32
	Amoun	T Asses	sed in I	882.		
April 3-	-Voted by the Tov	vn,			\$2800	00
	County Tax,				317	16
	State Tax,				360	00
	Overlay,				71	89
	Total,				\$3549	05
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	LUATION OF PROPE		No. of			
	lue of Real Estate				\$344,124	
	" Personal Es	state,			56,072	00
					\$400,196	00
Total No	o. of Polls, 273.					
Rate per	• \$1000—Poll Tax	: State	\$1, Count	y \$1; Prop	erty \$7.5	0.
Total N	umber of Dwelling	Houses	7		2	236
6.6	" Horses,				2	221
6.6	" Cows,				3	302
6.6	" Sheep,					95
6.6	" Acres of	Land to	axed,		97	712

 $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{HERCULES DEAN,} \\ \text{CHARLES F. PAULL,} \\ \text{ALBERT E. DEAN,} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Assessors} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{Berkley.} \end{array}$

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following report of the management and condition of the schools of Berkley is respectfully submitted to the town by the committee.

There is no subject which has such claims upon the people of a town, or with which its present and future wellbeing is so intimately associated, as the education of the children and youth in its schools. The demands for a broad and thorough education and liberal culture seem to be increasing year by year. The call of almost every department of business is for young men and women whose minds have been awakened and systematically trained in everything preliminary to the actual details of the business itself. The education must be practical and apt, ready for immediate use whenever occasion may call for it. Competition for all desirable positions is sharp and active, and it is only those who can stand the test of a searching scrutiny into their mental acquirements and show a practical aptitude in their use, who will be likely to succeed in attaining the objects of their aspiration.

Even the general government, which, hitherto, has been loose in its discriminations as to the special fitness of those in its employ, many of them requiring a special training after their appointment to enable them to fulfil the duties of their position in even an indifferent manner, is waking to the importance of transacting its business according to business principles, and, through the determination of com-

petitive examinations, is proposing to select only those who through previous mental training and acquirement may show ability to fulfil efficiently the duties of the office to which they may be called. But aside from the interest of the individual and with reference to self preservation alone, there is a necessity that the government and each municipality, within its jurisdictiou, should provide for their youth the best advantages for a thorough education. Ignorance is the handmaid of vice, and vice involves the necessity of penal institutions and those arbitrary means and measures which bring a heavy tax upon the virtuous portion of the community. The ignorance of the masses, too, furnishes the occasion, if not the necessity, for those more arbitrary forms of government whose tendency is toward despotism. Hence education may not be neglected without endangering the well being of society and all the blessings which flow from a free and beneficent government. The state, while making certain provisions and requirements, throws the ultimate responsibility upon each individual town of providing the requisite for the highest type of citizenship, namely, the complete mental and moral training of every child within its jurisdiction. As is well known, the public school is the chief agency employed to bring about this desirable result. That the schools may be effectual in securing the end for which they were established, several things are essential.

The School House, its furnishings and surroundings, should be such as to secure health, convenience, good morals, and good taste. A large part of the conscious and active life of the child is spent in and around the school house. The age is one most susceptible to influences from without. Physically, constitutional tendencies may be developed which may have much to do with the future well-being of the individual. Dispositions, habits, tastes, and to some ex-

tent opinions germinate, grow, and become so fixed as to form character and control the after life. How important that this formative period of life in respect to moral, mental and physical development be watched and guarded with scrupulous care and surrounded with everything most favorable for the promotion of a vigorous and virtuous manhood.

The committee is able to congratulate the town on its liberality in providing for the most part, such houses with such conveniences and surroundings as, in their measure, to secure the advantages indicated. With one or two exceptions the school accommodations are, at present, all that can reasonably be desired.

School House No. 1 during the past year has been thoroughly repaired and remodeled on the inside, fitted with all needed modern conveniences and enclosed with a fence.

For the last item there was no appropriation, but your committee felt that they should avail themselves of the liberal offer of the trustees of the M. E. Church and secure the long needed convenience of a double yard with separate out houses for the two sexes. In the object for which the money was appropriated, we were able to keep within the limits, with a small balance unexpended.

The items of expenditure are submitted with the Selectmen's report.

Your Committee would reccomend a small appropriation for so changing the yard connected with school house No. 2, as here also to secure separate approaches to out-buildings for the two sexes. The necessity of this in its bearing on purity and good morals is too obvious to need argument. Application was made, during the year to the late T. C. Dean for land for a pass by the S. E. end of the school-house that this result might be secured. He expressed himself as willing to grant the land needed providing the whole lot

should be enclosed with a suitable fence, affirming that the land originally granted for school-house lot had never been thus enclosed. Your committee sees no reason why this may not be done without infringing upon the convenience of travel, and would commend it to the favorable action of the town. Other school-houses seem to need no immediate attention with the exception perhaps of No. 7 (Myricksville), which will soon need extensive repairs unless it can be disposed of.

But perhaps the success and efficiency of our schools depend more upon the Teachers than any other agency. A throughly good teacher will produce a good school even when surrounding conditions are unfavorable. We may not claim that our teachers are perfect or that they regard teaching altogether in the light of a luxury, but they have shown capability and an earnest devotion to their work which is commendable. The results of their labor will we think compare favorably with any previous year. The results attained have varied somewhat in the several schools owing in part, to the different material with which the teachers have had to deal, co-operation of parents or the want of it, adaptability of teachers to the place, &c. ferent schools often show a marked difference in the average natural capacity of the pupils as well as in disposition, willingness to submit to discipline, and habits of application.

It is to be regretted, if there is among any of our youth a tendency to rude, boisterous or disrespectful conduct. There is no doubt that any such manifestation among the young proceeds largely from a false ideal of what is truly noble and manly. To be a gentleman, in the true sense of the term, is to be possessed of good morals and gentle manners, manifested in a courteous regard for the rights, opinions and feelings of others, a deferential respect for age

and rightful authority, and a thoughtful consideration for the feelings of the weak and sensitive. That this is not altogether the ideal of the youth of the present age is, at times quite apparent. And this suggests the necessity of careful and systematic instruction, both in the school and at home, that the child may form correct ideas of what constitutes true nobility of character and deportment. Systematic instruction and training in the matter of morals and manners even to the extent of making it a subject of school examination, would be only carrying out the spirit of the law of the state in this matter. The pupil should be taught to weigh his conduct and motives by comparing them with what is right and becoming, or the opposite. A chart like the following, exhibiting opposite traits of character to be cherished or rejected, might be used to assist the pupil in determining his moral bearing.

TRAITS OF CHARACTER.

GOOD.

Cherish.

BAD.

Avoid.

Reverence.

Respect { for Age and Authority.
Purity { in Thought, Word and Deed.

Truthfulness.

Honesty.

Diligence. (Industry.)

Kindness. (Gentleness.)

Politeness. (Courtesey.)

Punctuality. (Promptness.)

Neatness.

Order.

&c.

Irreverence. (Profanity.)

Disrespect.

Impurity. (Obscenity.)

Untruthfulness. { Lying, Deceiving.

Dishonesty. \ \ \text{Stealing, Cheating.}

Indolence. (Laziness.)

Unkindness. (Rudeness.)

Impoliteness. (Incivility.)

Tardiness. (Dilitoriness.)

Slovenliness.

Disorder.

&c.

To secure the best results, either morally or intellectually, there should be hearty co-operation of the parent with the teacher. As it is difficult or impossible to enforce laws when the drift of public sentiment is against them, so the authority of the teacher and his success in training those placed under his charge will be very much abridged by the indifference or opposition of the parent.

By the statistical table it will be seen that some of the schools have been quite small, one being specially noticeable in this respect, since, to sustain the school, the tuition per week has averaged something over a dollar for each scholar. Still, notwithstanding the smallness of several of the schools, the range of studies has been quite large, necessitating a large number of small classes.

Could four or five of the smaller schools be reduced to two, the labor of the teachers could be expended to much better advantage. The number of classes could be reduced to one half for each teacher, thus giving double time for teaching and illustration with the additional advantage of having a sufficient number in each class to secure healthy competition among its members. There is a stimulus which comes from the action of mind upon mind in the association of numbers, which cannot be developed in solitary instruction or when there are but two or three. Also when scholars are more nearly of a grade, lessons can be assigned more fully taxing the capacity of each and thus greater progress be made. The Committee would offer no reccommendation in regard to this matter but would merely suggest it for the future consideration of the town.

In the matter of of text-book your committee have felt called upon to take some action during the last year. Owing to a want of uniformity, also to the fact that some of the text-books in use are out of print, it seemed necessary to introduce new spellers and geographies throughout the town.

This, as a whole, was considered as a matter of true economy, inasmuch as there was needed a large number of books to supply the individual want of pupils in the several schools, and the books, at introduction prices, directly from the publishers, can be obtained at about one-half the retail rates. Your committee now feel that they have met a long felt demand for the latest improved text-books in all branches of study.

Your committee has printed herewith the By-laws concerning Truant Children adopted by the town at its last annual meeting and suggest their amendment as far as selecting the State Primary School at Monson as a place of confinement, as that place cannot be secured. We learn by correspondence that the Hamden County Truant School is accessible and would suggest that, instead of Monson, as a place of assignment.

Town Appropriation for year	\$1400.00
From State school fund	216.25
Dog tax	81.33
	\$1697.58
Paid for teachers' wages .	\$877.57

As the school year is not closed other bills are yet due and the financial report necessarily incomplete. Your committee finds that with the funds placed at their disposal the schools can be sustained but little over seven and a half months. They would respectfully recommend an increase of appropriation for coming year so that full eight months schooling may be secured.

Respectfully submitted.

WALTER D. NICHOLS, THOMAS P. PAULL, PHILIP C. PORTER, School Committee of Berkley.

BY-LAWS CONCERNING TRUANT CHILDREN.

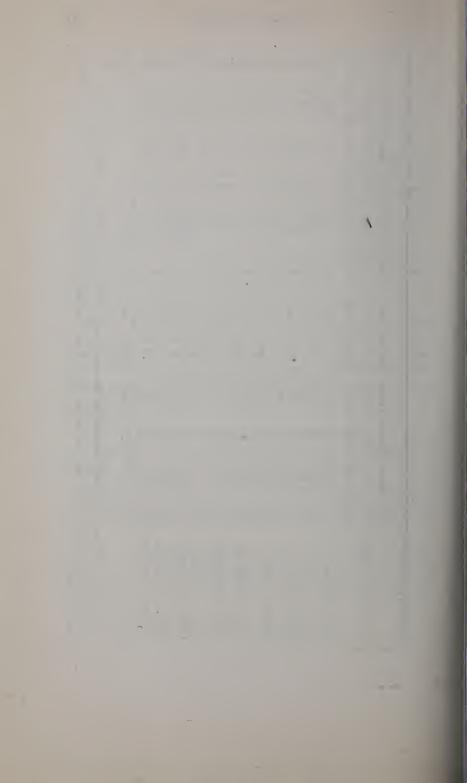
- ART. 1. The town of Berkley hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth now in force, relating to habitual truants and absentees from school, and in pursuance of authority conferred, adopts the following by-laws.
- ART. 2. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years residing in said town and who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the State Primary School at Monson for confinement, dicipline and instruction.
- ART. 3. Two or more truant officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all violations of the truant laws, and to the laws relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.
- ART. 4 It shall be the duty of every truant officer prior to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed, and of the penalty therefor, and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may at his discretion forbear to prosecute, as long as such pledges are faithfully kept.
- ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the school committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.
- ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the school committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.
- ART. 7. Nothing contained in these by-laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

The foregoing by-laws are approved by the Court.

Teachers Names	Teach'rs' Amount	wages paid	per Mo. teachers.	\$28.		32. 72.			28. 28. 33.		28.	_		22. 49.50		28.		_	20.	32.	
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The average attendance during the winter term has been considerably affected by the prevalence of whooping cough.

Between The whole number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15, according to the report of the Assessors, is 138, the ages of 8 and 14, 95.



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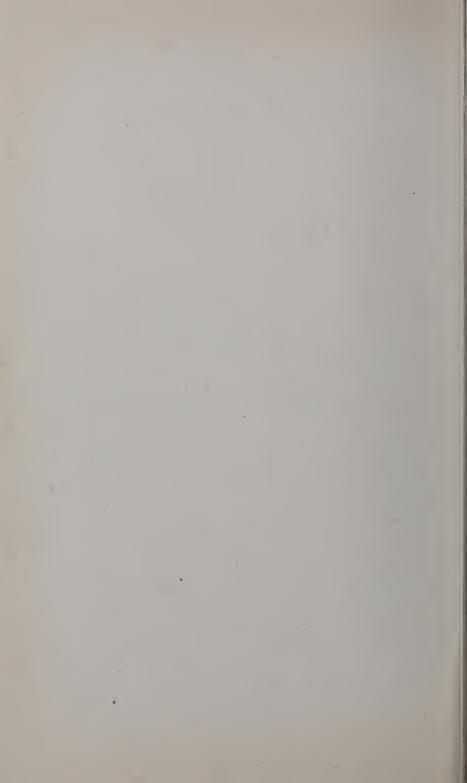
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Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of the Town of Berkley present the following as their report for 1883-4.

In presenting this report to the citizens of Berkley your Selectmen take the liberty to suggest at the outset that the voters of the town, fix the time and permanently when the current or financial year shall commence. For the want of a specified time our predecessors have been relieved from making a report, and consequently imposed their duty on the present board. However we will present the condition of things as best we can. Mr. Belcher, as Superintendent was employed last year to take charge of the town farm at a salary of \$200 for the current year. We find on an examination of the books at the Almshouse that the Superintendent has given the town credit for sales from the farm of \$599.53 cents, a gain over last year of \$140.71 cents, and charged the town for sundry articles bought for himself and inmates 507.99 cents which is \$68.51 less than was bought last year. It will be seen from this statement that the Superintendent has received \$91.54 cents more than has been paid for supplies. Then again that his salary may be cancelled \$108.46 cash must be drawn from the town treasury. Thus with such management on the farm the town comes off minus from year to year. A farm like

ours, considered the largest and the best in town, managed by a man of practical experience in husbandy should be made to support all the Almshouse poor and yield a handsome surplus yearly for the town. Instead thereof it has proved otherwise, all for the want of proper husbandry. No one would be required to possess more than two eyes on visiting the premises to discover the want of a suitable interest in behalf of the town

We have secured the services of a young man and his wife at a salary of \$200 a year who we have every reason to believe will be as faithful in duty and as profitable for the town as any of his predecessors. As we have failed for some years to see any improvement made, in any way on the farm we now confidently expect that with a better management better results will be realized.

APPRAISAL.

1 horse,	140	0()
6 cows,	270	00
4 shoats,	48	00
$3\frac{1}{2}$ tons of English hay,	63	00
2 tons black grass,	20	()()
½ ton straw,	3	00
1 mowing machine,	40	00
1 horse rake,	5	00
2 plows and cultivator,	14	00
1 harrow,	3	00
5 forks and 3 shovels,	3	50
1 tackle and harness,	3	00
1 sleigh,	4	00
1 stump hook and 2 ladders,	3	()()
1 whiffletree and wrench,	1	25
1 express wagon,	30	00
1 farm wagon,	45	00
1 iron bar sledge and 3 chains,	5	00

\$855 40

2 pails,		.75
1 grindstone,		3 00
2 scythes and 1 snath,		1 00
1 lot of posts and rails,		2 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ M. shingles,		1 75
4 bushels rye,		3 00
4 bushels ears of corn,		1 60
1 lot of pop corn,		.50
10 hens,		30 00
10 cords of wood cut and housed,		50 00
2 saws and 4 axes,		4 00
85 bean poles,	ø	.85
1 rake and 2 hoes,		1 00
45 bushels of potatoes,		15 7 5
3 bushels of turnips,		2 55
12 pounds of lard,		1 50
17 pounds of ham,		2 55
80 pounds of pork,		11 20
1 lot of pickles,		.25
20 gallons of vinegar,		3 00
2 churns \$5 00 one wringer \$5 00		10 00
2 tubs and 22 milk pans,		2 95
4 milk pails,		2 00
1 apple parer and butter mould,		1 50
1 white wash brush,		.75
1 lantern,		.75
1 lot of salt and salt fish,		.50
1 earthern pan,		.25
2 butter boxes,		.75

The appraisal last year was made Feb. 5th, and this year was made March 27th. The early appraisal last year or the late one this year no doubt gives some of the

Aggregate of appraisal,

difference in the two (please compare items in the sched-

ules for each year.)

The inmates of the Almshouse are

THE CONTRACTOR OF CITO TETTINON	ALC CLIC	
John Hall	aged	76
John Westgate,		58
Mrs. Addie Robate	6.6	30
Mitchell Robate	66	$12\frac{1}{2}$
Addie Ellen Robate	• 6	10
Reuben Austin Robat	te "	$8\frac{1}{2}$
Mary Lillian Robate	6.6	6

The above inmates are apparently in a healthy condition and well cared for. To calculate the actual cost per week for each pauper is a problem which I cannot solve. I venture an estimate of \$1.25 each per week. Amanda French an old inmate of the Almshouse died at the advanced age of \$1 years on the 23d day of last December. There has been lodged during the year 12 tramps. Thomas Roberts whose settlement by military enlistment was made by that act in Berkley has been sent to the soldiers home in Maine.

We cannot let this report go to the voters and tax payers of Berkley without repeating what has already been recommended in regard to the improvement of the While the town has turned it attention and Almshouse. wisely, to the improvement of the Schoolhouses, making them places of comfort and attraction giving all the scholars in all the schools all needed means for their moral and intellectual culture, let not the town forget that the unfortunate poor who are or may be inmates of the Almshouse should have a place of comfort and attraction. Then while giving a beautiful home to the poor the town will give credit to itself as well as comfort and cheer to the unfortunate who may become inmates thereof. Your Selectmen have sold the oysters to Somerset parties for a term of ten years for \$15,250 which equals \$1.525 per year.

D. S. BRIGGS,
PETER L. CHASE.
THOS. A. BRIGGS,

Selectmen
of
Berkley.

Treasurer's Report.

A. H. ALLEN, TREAS. IN ACC'T WITH WM. BABBITT FORMER TREAS.

FROM FEB. 13, 1883, TO MARCH 20, 1883.

Paid Paull Brothers, for wood,	\$ 3	75
Julia R. Burt, teaching,	96	00
P. C. Porter,	108	00
E. A. Moore,	96	00
M. A. B. Wilbur,	96	00
C. S. Coombs,	78	00
Amie,	96	00
Frank Dean, building fire,	3	00
S. H. Hanes, building fire,	3	00
J. L. Cummings, sawing wood,		.75
B. F. Dean, military aid,	8	00
Wm. R. Smith, military aid,	12	00
Wm. R. Smith, board money,	7	00
C. C. Wellman, state aid,	8	00
Bildad Williams, state aid,	1	50
Arthur L. Hathaway, building fire,	3	00
T. L. & J. H. Church, for O. Hathaway,	7	25
C. E. Albro, Fall River, poor,	6	00
G. H. Myrick and others, snow bill,	12	25
P. C. Porter, attending school committee meeting,		.75
P. C. Porter, moving settees,		.35
P. C. Porter, fixing stove pipe,		.45
P. C. Porter, writing school report.	5	0.0

P. C. Porter, labor, painting,	1	50
P. C. Porter, school visitation,	3	00
P. C. Porter, horse hire,	3	00
P. C. Porter, glass and setting,		.15
W. H. S. Crane, serving town warrants,	6	00
J. Q. Dillingham, snow bill,	2	27
Eddie S. Macomber, building fire,	4	50
John T. Townsend, wood,	3	00
Henry Shove, snow bill,	7	54
Cash delivered to A. Herbert Allen, Treasurer,		
by order of the selectmen,	24	15
Total,	\$707	16
By balance at the time of settlement,	665	16
Cash from Fall River,	42	00
	707	16

We find vouchers for the foregoing bills paid by Wm. Babbitt acting Treasurer amounting to six hundred and eighty three dollars and one cent, \$683 01.

We also find a balance paid over to A. Herbert Allen of twenty four dollars and fifteen cents, \$24 15.

CALVIN T. CRANE, Committee to settle CHAS. F. PAULL, B. F. COOMBS, Treasurer.

A true copy—Attest:

A. HERBERT ALLEN, Treasurer of Berkley.

Treasurer's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

From former Treasurer,		\$ 24	15
Bristol County Savings Bank,		800	00
Oyster Note of Robert Pettis,		1,306	00
W. D. Nichols, fish note,		61	00
J. C. Standish, fish note,		65	00
Fall River poor.		24	00
Rent of Hall at Myricks,		36	00
N. H. Strange,		215	71
E. B. Babbitt,		40	25
Corporation tax,		75	32
National Bank tax,		746	14
State aid,		126	00
Military aid,	•	120	00
School fund,		214	23
Dog fund,		83	04
State, County and Town tax,		4,634	56
		\$8.571	40

TOWN RATES.

1883.		
Oct. 20, To George F. Pratt Esq. County Treasurer,	445	98
Oct. 20, To City of Taunton, state and County on		
account of Myricks for 1881.	156	00

Dec. 3, To Daniel A. Gleason Esq. Treasurer of	00
Total, . \$1,167	98
PAID SELECTMEN.	
From March 1, 1882 to March 1, 1883.	•
	56
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	00
From March 1, 1883 to March 1, 1884.	00
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1884. March 10, Hercules Dean, services rendered, 10	00
	00
Cash paid for the conveyance of Thomas Roberts	0.0
	00
	50
March 24, R. H. Babbitt, services rendered,	72
Total, \$167	78
THAT A SETTING OFFICE	
PAID ASSESSORS.	
1883.	
Oct. 13, G. H. Myrick, 31.	25
	00
	50
	95
Total,	70
PAID ON ACCOUNT OF MYRICKS SCHOOL HOUSE	.
1883.	
Sept. 1, W. W. Haskins, bill,	
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Sept. 1, J. F. Cushing, bill,	45

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Sept. 1, T. P. Paull, bill,	28 00
Sept. 1, F. N. Horton, bill,	21 25
Sept. 1, C. M. Wade, bill,	16 62
Sept. 1, Geo. B. Williams, bill,	159 92
Sept. 1, Frank R. Washburn, bill,	17 88
Sept. 1, Frank R. Washburn, pump and setting,	6 95
Sept. 1, E. Macomber, bill,	4 80
Total,	316 65
TOWN CLERK'S BILL.	
1884.	
March 1, John A. Reed, to care of town hall	1
in year 1882,	5 00
Coal and oil,	1 00
Lamps, burners and chimneys,	3 90
Feb. 6, To attending March meeting 1883,	1 50
To attending April meeting 1883.	1 50
To attending two meetings in Nov. 1883,	2 50
To attending clerk's meeting at Taunton,	2 00
Express,	3 90
Stationery and P. O. stamps,	1 50
Dog license blanks,	1 00
Recording 14 births at 50 cts.	7 00
Recording 19 deaths at 35 cts.	6 65
Recording 1 marriage at 15 cts.	.15
Care of town house to March 1, 1883,	5 00
Coal and oil,	.70
	43 30
Cr. by rent of hall,	2 00
	41 30
MILITARY AID.	
Γο Wm. R. Smith 3 mos. 8 per month,	24 00
To B. F. Dean, 9 mos. @ \$4 per month,	36 00°
To B. F. Dean, 3 mos. @ 6 per month,	18 00
Total,	78 00

STATE AID.

To C. F. Wellman, 8 mos. @ \$4 per month,	32 00
To C. F. Wellman, 4 mos. @ \$8 per month,	32 00
To Lewis Green, 3 mos. @ \$3 per month,	9 00
To Bildad Williams, 12 mos. @ \$1.50 per month,	18 00
Total,	91 00
* FALL RIVER POOR.	
To Mrs. C. E. Albro, 12 mos. @ \$6 per month,	72 00
2 mos. by former treasurer, \$6 per month,	12 00
Total,	84 00
By cash from City of Fall River,	24 00
Balance due,	60 00
TOWN OF BERKLEY.	
Received of N. H. Strange, in full, \$215.71	
1883.	
Feb. 28, By cash,	100 00
July By cash,	25 00
Dec. 4, Sinkage bill,	56 00
Dec. 4, By sinkage bill,	10 00
Dec. 4, By cash,	24 71
	215 71
Received of E. B. Babbitt, in full \$40.25	
1883.	
Nov. By extra services as Treasurer, Oct. 4, 1882.	3 00
Nov. By 2 sinkage bills, \$2 00 and 2 84 March 6 1882,	4 84
Nov. By 2 sinkage bills, Sept. 13, 1883,	16 18
Nov. By 2 sinkage bills, Sept. 13, 1883,	15 35
Nov. By Cash,	.88

40 25

ALMSHOUSE.

1883.

March 24, B. L. Burt & Co., groceries,	\$151	
March 31, Eliphlate Terry, balance of salary,	146	
Oct, 1, Peck & White, wheels,		50
Oct. 1, S. W. Luther,		50
Total,	306	89
BERKLEY BRIDGE.		
1883.		
March 27 Tending draw 3 mos. to April 1,	21	00
March 27, Labor on bridge,	5	85
Oct. 9 Tending draw 6 mos. to Oct. 1,	42	00
Oct. 9, Labor on bridge,	3	30
	72	
FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOU	JSE.	
1883. Orrin F. Hathaway :-		
June 5, Meat of J. H. Macomber,	\$10	40
June 21, Coal of T. L. & J. H. Church,	7	25
Nov. 12, Meat of J. H. Macomber,	14	30
Dec. 5, Coal T. L. & J. H. Church,	6	75
1884.		
Jan. 1, Groceries, B. L. Burt & Co.,	25	87
March 13, Meat J. H. Macomber,	11	15
March 20, Coal T. L. & J. H. Church,	6	75
Total,	82	47
1883.		
April 1, Taunton Hospital, Fred. H. French,	\$43	33
July 1, Taunton Hospital, Fred. H. French,	55	65
Oct. 1, Taunton Hospital, Fred. H. French, 1884.	32	80
Jan. 1, Taunton Hospital, Fred. H. French,	61	11
Total,	192	89

1883.		
April, 1, Taunton Hospital, Mary A. Seekell,	\$45	19
July 1, Taunton Hospital, Mary A. Seekell,	43	80
Oct. 1, Taunton Hospital, Mary A. Seekell,	43	29
1884.		
Jan. 1, Taunton Hospital, Mary A. Seekell,	44	21
Total,	176	49
1883.		
May 8, B. & H. Macomber, 12 weeks board @		
\$2 per week,	\$24	00
Aug. 15, B. & H. Macomber, 13 weeks board @		
\$2 per week,	26	00
Dec. 4, B. & H. Macomber, 16 weeks board @		
\$2 per week,	32	00
March 29,	34	00
Total,	116	00
1883.		
To Mass. General Hospital, for board of		
Hiram Atwood,	38	00
Dec. 20, Services and expenses of N. G. T. Bowen,		
taking Mr. Atwood to the Hospital,	9	50
1884.		
March 1, Elijah Wilbur, board to date for Hiram		
Atwood, @ \$1.25 per week,	10	71
₩		
Total,	58	21
1884.		
March 1, Wm. R. Smith, for care of Fred.	00	0.0
Macombers child, 52 wks. 4 days @ \$1.75 per week,	92	00
Testal for support of year out of Almahama	710	0.0
Total for support of poor out of Almshouse,	718	06
INCIDENTAL EXPENDITURES.		
1883.		
April 1, Interest on B. C. S. Bank Note,	\$20	00
April 1, Printing last years report,	42	00
June 15, George B. Williams, 784 ft. spr. plk.	14	11

June 23, Henry Bullock, Painting 2 sign boards,	· 4	50
June 25, N. G. Townsend, guide post and setting,	1	25
Aug. 1, Middleboro, watching fish,	20	00
Aug. 25, Peter L. Chase, 1 cow,	55	00
Oct. 11, Charles Corey, serving dog warrants,	10	00
Oct. 11, Charles Corey, looking up license law,	3	00
Oct. 18, Dr. S. Hathaway, attendance upon the wife		
of Charles Hathaway,	6	00
Nov. C. H. Buffington, printing voting list,	6	36
Dec. 3, John A. Reed, lamps for town hall,	3	90
Dec. 28, Charles Record digging Amanda French grave,	3	00
1884.		
March 1, Dr. Howe, Reporting 3 births,		75
March 31, Treasurer and collector,	74	50
m . 1	201	
Total,	264	37

EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1883.

April 12, Walter D. Nichols, to services as school committee, 1882 & 1883 visiting schools No.

3, 4 and 5, summer terms,	4	00
No. 3, 4 and 5, fall terms,	4	00
Distributing geographies,	2	00
Time and expense in endevoring to get the repairs		
of School house No. 1, done by contract,	3	00
Visiting winter school in part,	3	00
Going to Myricks for teacher,	1	00
Attending town meetings,	1	00
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	18	00

Berkley, May 4, 1883.

Town of Berkley,

To T. P. Paull Dr.

April, To $1\frac{1}{2}$ days' visiting schools, June, To $2\frac{1}{2}$ days' visiting schools, Sept. To $1\frac{1}{2}$ days' visiting schools, Nov. To $1\frac{1}{2}$ days' visiting schools,

Dec.	То	11	days'	visiting	schools,
Feb.	То	$2\frac{1}{2}$	days'	visiting	schools,

11 days visiting schools @ \$1.50	16	50
April 2 evenings,		
June 1 evenings,		
July 1 evenings,		
Nov. 2 evenings,		
Feb. 2 evenings,		
8 evenings @ 75 cts. per evening,		00
To 3 days' use of horse @ \$1.50 per day,		50
To 7 evenings use of horse @ 50 cts. per evening,	3	50
To postage, 75 cts. stationery, \$1.00 globe, 30 cts.		
numeral frame, 85 cts.	2	90
	33	40
Cr.		
Received of Myrickville sewing circle for setting		
glass in hall,	1	00
	32	40
1883.		
May 31, Cowperthwait & Co. of Boston, bills for books, 1883.	51	50
Aug. 6, P. C. Porter, services for school committee,	, 8	75
1883.		0.4
Oct. 20, S. H. Cudworth, 2 brooms, 1883.		.84
Dec. 3, John A. Reed, repairing blackboards, in		
District No. 2,	1	50
District No. 3,		75
District No. 4,		00
District No. 7,		00
	10	25
1884.		
March 29, T. P. Paull, services as school committee,	5	00
Total,	126	24

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.		
1883.		
June 9, Julia R. Burt, 10 weeks at \$7 per week,	70	00
Sept. N. G. Townsend, wood,	3	75
Oct. 8, Giles L. Leach, wood,	4	00
Nov. 10, J. T. Cummings, sawing and stowing wood,	3	00
Nov. 12, Julia R. Burt, 10 weeks @ \$7 per week, 1884.	70	00
Feb. 2, H. Dean, wood,	2	00
Feb. 4, J. T. Cummings, sawing wood,	1	75
March 19, E. E. Alden, building fire,	3	25
March 1, Julia R. Burt, 13 weeks @ \$8 per week,	104	
Training 1, out and 100 per moon,		
	\$261	75
DISTRICT NO. 2.		
1883.		
June 8, M. A. B. Wilbur, 10 weeks @ \$7 per week,	70	00
Sept. 29, B. F. Dean, sawing wood,	5	25
Nov. 8, Ida Swain, 10 weeks @ \$7 per week,	70	00
Dec. 3, John A. Reed, wood,	11	25
1884.		
March 3, M. A. B. Wilbur, 13 weeks @ \$8 per week,	104	00
March 30, Charles H. Macomber, building fire,	3	25
	263	75
district no. 3.		
1883.		
May 31, Emma A. Moore, 8 weeks at \$7 per weeks,	56	00
June 7, Arthur L. Hathaway, splitting wood,	1	40
June 15, Emma Moore, 2 weeks at \$7 per week,	14	00
Oct. 1, Thomas A. Briggs, wood and sawing,		75
Oct. 1, Joseph H. Cummings, wood,		50
Not. 10, A. Cummings, wood,		00
Nov. 10, Emma A. Moore, 10 weeks at \$7 per week,	70	
Dec. 3, John A. Reed, wood,	10	
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1884.		
March 7, Ida Swain, 12 weeks at \$8 per week,	96	00
March 25, H. S. Haines, building fire,	3	00
	262	65
DISTRICT NO. 4.		
1883.		
Feb. 27, James Maguire, wood,		25
March 2, Willie M. Davis, sawing wood,		.75
March 23, Nannie H. Folger, 7 weeks at \$8 per week,	56	00
April 10, John W. Grinnell, building fire,	3	00
June 11, Nannie H. Folger, 10 weeks at \$7 per week,	70	00
Sept. 27, James Maguire, wood,	10	00
Oct. 15, Albert W. Allen, wood,	2	00
Nov. 3, Frank Robare, sawing wood,		.75
Nov. 7, Nannie H. Folger, 10 weeks at \$7 per week, 1884.	70	00
March 14, Hattie E. French, 13 weeks at \$8 per week,	104	00
March 17, John W. Grinnell, building fire,	3	25
March 17, John W. Grinnell, sawing wood,	3	75
`	325	75
DISTRICT NO. 5.		
1883.		
Feb. 23, Albert W. Strange, building fire,	3	00
June 8, Nellie R. Strange, 10 weeks at \$5½ per week,	55	00
Oct. 15, A. W. Allen, wood.	8	75
Oct. 23, W. S. Terry, sawing wood,	3	75
Nov. 12, C. S. Coombs, 10 weeks at \$5 per week, 1884.	50	00
March 1, C. S. Coombs, 3 ¹ / ₄ months at \$25 a month,	81	25
March 1, Walter A. Strange, building fire,	3	25
	205	00
DISTRICT NO 6.		
1883.		
Feb. 20, Henry Dyer, sawing wood,	1	00
April 2, Charles E. Shaw, care of schoolhouse,	3	00

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2	50
70	00
17	23
3	25
70	00
104	00
1	50
	.75
3	25
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April 25, J. T. Townsend, wood,	3	00
May 28, William Caswell, wood,	2	50
June 8, Phillip C. Porter, 10 weeks at \$7 per week,	70	00
Oct. 9, J. T. Townsend, wood Nos. 1 & 6,	17	23
Oct. 20, Joseph A. Howard. sawing wood,	3	25
Nov. Sarah F. Ray, 10 weeks @ \$7 per week,	70	00
1884.		
March 7, Sarah F. Ray, 13 weeks @ \$8 per week,	104	00
March 7, B. B. Caswell, wood,	1	50
March 7, B. B. Caswell, sawing wood,		.75
March 7, B. B. Caswell, building fire,	3	25
March 27, T. P. Paull, wood,	1	62
,	281	10

DISTRICT NO. 7.

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June 18, E. S. Macomber, care of schoolhouse,	2	22
June 18, Annie F. Cummings, 10 weeks @ \$7 per week,	70	00
Aug. 13, Mary Smith, labor,	2	00
Oct. 3, Frank Terry, sawing wood,	2	25
Oct. 5, Elkanah Pierce, wood,	10	95
Nov. 10, Annie F. Cummings, 10 weeks @ \$7 per week,	70	00
1384.		
Feb. 29, E. S. Macomber, building fire,	4	88
March 1, Annie F. Cummings, 13 weeks @ \$8 per week,	104	00
	266	30

Whole amount expended by school committee, \$1.992 44

EXPENDED BY SELECTMEN ON HIGHWAYS.

1883.	
Oct. John T. Townsend,	\$22 50
Oct. N. G. Townsend,	15 00
Oct. George A. Harmon,	4 50
Oct. William Donaldson,	4 50
Oct. T. T. Burt,	20 10
Oct. Caleb Briggs,	4 35

Oct. James Fields,

Oct. George E. Boyce and others,

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	Oct. Hercules Dean,	4	97
	Nov. J. T. Cummings,	1	20
	Dec. Joseph H. Cummings,	11	75
	1884.	` \	
	Feb. J. T. Cummings,	4	47
	March J. T. Cummings,	1	00
	March Henry Hathaway,	4	50
	SHOVELING SNOW.		
	1883.		
	April 7, Henry Hathaway, 18 hours,	2	34
,	Dec. 25, Joseph H. Cummings, 31 hours,	4	03
	Total,	110	79
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	EXPENDED BY THE SURVEYORS.		
	District No. 1, J. T. Cummings, surveyor,	\$225	80
	District No. 2, Thomas T. Burt, surveyor,	180	87
	District No. 3, Joseph H. Cummings, surveyor,	130	38
	District No. 4, George E. Boyce, surveyor,	155	52
	District No. 5, N. H. Strange, snrveyor,	105	46
	District No. 6, Henry J. Dyer, surveyor,	97	19
	District No. 7, George S. Clark, surveyor,	245	43
	Total,	\$1,140	75
	HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.		
	DISTRICT No. 1		
	For labor on highways District No. 1.		
	A. H. Allen, 70 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	\$10	50
	A. H. Allen, 37 loads of gravel at 3 cts. a load,		11
	S. A. Burt, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3	00
	Chas. Bissett, 37 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	5	55
	Chas. Bissett, 125 loads of gravel, at 3 cts. per load,	3	75
	N. Blynn, 40 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	6	00

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J. Cameron, 50 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	7	50
J. T. Cummings, 327 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	49	05
J. T. Cummings, 154 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	20	02
C. T. Crane, 40 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	6	00
George Cummings, 16 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	2	08
H. Dean, 190 loads of gravel at 3 cts. a load,	5	70
C. P. French, 157 loads gravel at 3 cts. per load,	4	71
O. E. French, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3	00
H. Hathaway, 80 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	12	00
W. H. Hathaway, 6 hours at 15 cts. per hour,		90
G. L. Leach, 94 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	14	10
G. L. Leach, 10 hours at 10 cts. per hour,	1	00
G. L. Leach, 20 loads gravel at 3 cts. per load,		60
A. Pitts, 105 hours, at 15 cts. per hour,	\$15	75
A. Pitts, powder and fuse,		25
J. A. Read, 45 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	\$6	
B. Williams, 29 hours at 15 ets. per hour,		35
E. Wilbur, 24 hours at 15 cts. per hour,		60
E. Wilbur, 11 hours at 13 cents per hour,	1	43
Amount expended for highways, District No. 1,	\$188	70
For labor on highway.		
Oct. 19, J. T. Cummings, 113 hours @ 13 cts. per hour,	14	69
B. Williams, 25 hours @ 13 cts. per hour,	3	25
George Cummings, 25 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	3	25
Martin Alden, 100 hours @ 13 cts. per hour,	13	00
A. H. Allen, 93 hours @ 13 cts. per hour,	1	44
Paid,	1	57
	37	20
DISTRICT No. 2.		
1883.		
T. T. Burt, 300 hours at 15 ets. per hour,	\$45	00
Irving Chace, 25 hours at 15 cts. per hour,		75
Irving Chace, 311 loads gravel,	12	44
Geo. A. Norcutt, 10 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	1	50
Alvin Briggs, 78 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	11	70
Miles Dean, 58 hours at 15 cts, per hour,	8	70

Charles Corey, 117 hours at 15 cts. per hour, W. K. Evans, 84 loads gravel,	17 55 3 30
Shepard Phillips, 30 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4 50
Asa Read, 54 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	8 10
Stephen Corey, 25 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3 75
	\$120 35
1883.	
T. T. Burt, 140 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	\$18 20
Sam. C. Noreutt, 72 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	9 36
Horace Macomber, 68 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	8 84
Caleb-Briggs, 34 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	4 42
Alvin Briggs, 30 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	3 90
Bernard Norcutt, 30 hours at 13 ets. per hour,	3 90
James Fields, 34 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	4 42
Chas. Macomber, 6 hours at 13 cts per hour,	78
Willie Westgate, 10 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	1 30
Geo. B. Westgate, 113 loads gravel,	4 52
Irving Chace, 22 loads gravel,	88
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District No. 3.	
Isaac Babbitt,	7 50
Caleb D. Babbitt,	62
Bert Bassett,	2 85
Rolin H. Babbitt,	3 00
Gravel,	3 75
T. A. Briggs,	13 00
Edward Babbitt,	75
Wm. H. S. Crane,	7 80
John C. Crane,	1 20
Samuel Covel,	9 75
Clarence Haines,	1 50
Adoniram Cummings,	8 85
Joseph H. Cummings,	21 75
Samuel H. Cudworth,	4 50
Cyrus Hathaway,	6 00
Stephen Hathaway,	6 00

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Albert Hathaway,		6	02
Gideon Myrick,		6	00
L. D. Millard,		3	50
Francis Newhall,		9	00
H. W. Peck,		6	00
		\$129	34
District No. 4	4.		
A. T. Gray, 25 hours,		3	15
B. F. Chase, 35 hours,		5	25
B. F. Chase, gravel, 130 loads,		5	20
George E. Boyce, 6 days and team,		18	00
John Boyce, 2 days and team,		6	00
E. Belcher, 2 days,	•	3	00
L. T. Belcher, $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours,			50
W. D. Nichols, 2 days, team and boy,		8	00
J. Q. Dillingham, $5\frac{1}{4}$ days, and team		15	75
B. F. Coombs, 2 days and team,		6	00
C. A. Davis, 1 day and team,		3	00
J. Grinnell, 2 days, team and boy,		8	00
J. Maguire, 2 days and team,		6	00
M. Luther, 1 day,		_	50
B. Phillips, 1 day and team,			00
C. E. Carr, 1 day and team,			00
C. Delana, 20 loads gravel,			80
P. L. Chase, labor,		\$10	30

B. F. Chase, gravel,

George E. Boyce, labor,

A. T. Gray, labor,

Oscar Chase, labor,

B. F. Coombs, labor,

Benj. Phillips, labor,

John Grinnell, labor,

M. Luther, labor,

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DISTRICT NO. 5.

Noah H. Strange, 140 hours @ 15 cts. per hour,	\$21 00							
N. H. Strange and others, 20 hours @ 15 cts. per hour,	3 00							
Albert W. Allen, 80 hours @ 15 cts. per hour,								
Albert W. Allen, use of drills,	25							
Cyrus Haskins, 30 hours @ 15 cts. per hour,	4 50							
Eliphalet Terry, 20 hours @ 15 cts. per hour,	3 00							
J. F. Richmond, 40 hours at 15 ets. per hour,	. 6 00							
George A. Strange 10 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	1 50							
Alfred Pierce, 33 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4 95							
Albert W. Strange, 30 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4 50							
George P. Strange, 25 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3 75							
Thomas Terry, 2 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	30							
Clinton Briggs, 10 hours at 15 ets. per hour,	1 50							
Chester Briggs, 10 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	1 56							
George P. Strange, 22½ hours at 15 cts. per hour,	$3 \ 37\frac{1}{2}$							
Geerge P. Strange, 30 loads of gravel at 4 cts. per load,	1 20							
Alfred Pierce, $27\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 15 cts. per hour,	$4 12\frac{1}{2}$							
J. F. Richmond, 24 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3 60							
Cyrus Haskins, $22\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 15 cts. per hour,	$3 \ 37\frac{1}{2}$							
Job D. Briggs, 184 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	2 74							
Albert W. Strange, 14 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	2 10							
N. H. Strange and others 100 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	15 00							
Henry W. Clark, 55 loads gravel,	2 20							
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o dittrict no. 6.								
Henry J. Dyer, 148 hours at 15 cts, per hour,	22 20							
Henry J. Dyer, 36 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	4 68							
George Hammond, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3 00							
William Caswell, 40 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	6 00							
William Caswell, 5 loads of gravel,	20							
C. P. French, 30 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4 50							
C. P. French, 45 loads gravel,	1 80							
C. P. French, $15\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 13 cts. per hour,	2 00							
C. P. French, gravel,	42							
John T. Townsend 40 hours at 15 cts. per honr,	6 00							

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Isaac Seymore, 35 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	5	25
Israel Chase, 15 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	2	25
Israel Chase, 20 loads gravel,		80
N. G. Townsend, 30 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4	50
B. H. Thrasher, 12 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	1	80
Dean P. Westgate 30 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4	50
Lewis P. Fletceer, 47 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	7	00
Lewis P. Fletcher, 23 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	3	60
Lewis P. Fletcher, gravel,	1	46
Thomas H. Seekell, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3	00
Thomas H. Seekell, 62 loads gravel,	2	48
W. F. Lincoln, 10 hours at 15 ets. per hour,	1	50
Benj. Fish, 10 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	1	50
Joseph Staples, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3	00
John H. Thrasher 17 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	2	5 5
Franklin Phillips, 10 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	1	30
Augustus Adams,		50
Total,	\$97	19
District No. 7.	dies a	10
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Julius Haskins,		50
John Meack,		00
Charles White,		00
I. N. Horton,		50
John Cushing,		00
Whitney Farmer,		00
James Pierce,	11	50
Russell Haskins.	_	
Adoniram Wilcox,	10	00
Paull Bros.,		00
Seth Staples,		50
Silas Downing,		50
Timothy Staples, James Wade,		00
Geo. R. Macomber,	12	
Leander Terry,		00
Elam Haskins,		50
John Staples,		50
ond Staples,	*	00

Cash Viall,	4	50
Elkney Pierce,	12	00
Jason Pitsley,	6	00
Appolas B. Reed,	1	50
William Pierce,	12	00
William Simms,	3	00
Henry Horton,	4	50
George S. Clark,	35	98
George Strange, 28 loads of gravel,		84
Elkney Pierce, 233 loads of gravel,	6	99
Lydia Haskins, 144 loads of gravel,	4	32
Elbridge Pierce, 141 loads of gravel,	4	23
William Dolanson, 14 loads of gravel,		42
John Staples,	1	50
Cash Viall,	1	50
Geo. R. Macomber,		50
John Cushing,	1	95
John Meack,	3	25
William Simms,	3	00
Elam Haskins,	4	28
Julius Haskins,	4	90
Leander Terry,	2	60
Charles White,	3	90
George S. Clark,	14	24
	245	43

EXPENDITURES.

Town Rates,	\$1,167	98
Selectmen,	167	78
Discount on taxes,	446	74
Assessors,	86	70
Town Clerk,	41	30
Repairs of Myricks Schoolhouse,	316	65
Military aid,	78	00
State aid,	91	00
Uncollected taxes,	137	50

Fall River poor,	72	00
E. B. Babbitt,	39	37
Taxes not legally assessed and sunk by the assessors,		12
N. H. Strange,	66	00
Berkley bridge,	72	15
Almshouse,	306	89
Poor out of Almshouse,	718	06
Incidental expenses,	264	37
Bristol County Savings Bank Note,	800	00
Expended by school committee,	126	24
Schools,	1,866	20
By selectmen for highways,	110	79
Surveyors,	1,140	75
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	445	81
	\$8,571	40

A. HERBERT ALLEN, Treasurer and Collector.

COPY OF RECORD.

We the committee having been appointed by the town at their annual meeting to settle with the treasurer "A. H. Allen," have attended to that duty, and finding the accounts financially correct, would report as follows.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of \$ 445 81 Notes of Robert Pettis, of Providence.

Due June 1, 1884,	\$1,306 00
Due June 1, 1885,	1,306 00
One note by W. D. Nichols, due June 1,	51 00
One note by H. A. Dean, due June 1,	40 00
Uncollected taxes,	137 50
City of Fall River for poor,	60 00

We find bills now due from the town to sundry persons, estimated to the amount of six hundred and fifty dollars.

CALVIN T. CRANE, CHARLES F. PAULL. Committee to settle with B. F. COOMBS,

Berkley, March 31, 1884.

A true copy—Attest:

A. HERBERT ALLEN, Treasurer and Collector.

Valuation and Tax List.

RATE OF TAXES TEN DOLLARS ON A THOUSAND.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1884.

By the Collector, A. Herbert Allen.

NAME.	Poll Tax.	Pers	Personal.		Personal.		Personal.		rsonal. Real.		al.	Total Tax.	
Stephen B. Allen heirs,	\$4	\$2	90	\$28	75	\$35	65						
David Aldrich,	2		25			2	25						
Davis Allen heirs,	2	4	05	22	25	28	30						
Jethro Ashley,	2	1	75	11	75	15	50						
Martin Alden,	2	2	55	15	00	19	55						
Augustus Adams,	2					. 2	00						
Benjamin Anthony,	2		35	10	50	12	85						
Henry Anthony,	2					2	00						
Rachel Burt heirs				4	75	4	75						
Edward Brightman,	2					2	00						
Holder Brightman,	2					2	00						
Thomas Burt heirs,	`			15	00	15	00						
Caroline Burt,				3	50	. 3	50						
Stephen A. Burt,			60	10	25	10	85						
Daniel S. Briggs,	2	1	55	17	00	20	55						
Caleb S. Briggs,	2	1	35	5	50	8	85						
Andrew Briggs,	2			1	25	3	25						
Charles Bissett,	2	6	00	17	75	25	75						
Caleb D. Babbitt,	2 .		25	3	50	5	75						
William Babbitt,	2	9	75	26	00	37	75						
William Babbitt and others,				9	00	9	00						
William Boyce,	2	1	25	8	25	11	50						
Edward Babbitt,			20	10	90	11	10						
Simeon Briggs,				16	50	16	50						
Simeon Briggs,	2	5	50			7	50						
Herbert F. Briggs,	2					2	0.0						
Thomas A. Briggs,	2	1	70	10	75	14	45						

NAME.	Poll Tax.	Pers	sonal.	Re	al.	Total Tax	۲.
John D. Babbit heirs,			30	13	00	13 30	0
William Babbitt,				4	50	4 50	0
Chester I. Briggs,	* 2					2 00	0
Adoniram Babbitt,				1	25	1 25	5
Rollin H. Babbitt,	2	1	35	14		17 35	5
Enoch B. Babbitt,	2	3	90	22	75	28 65	5
Horace B. Babbitt,	2					2 00	0
Isaac Babbitt,	ø 2	2	65	25	15	29 80	
Gideon H. Babbitt,	2			3	15	5 15	
Angeline Bassett,		1	05	14	60	15 65	
John Boyce,	2	2	10	22	00	26 10	
George E. Boyce,	2	1	30	20	25	23 55	
Elisha Belcher,	2			5	00	7 00	
Calvin Belcher,	2		50	3	50	6 00	
William H. Belcher,	2					2 00	
Leonard F. Belcher,	2					2 00	
Lucy A. Briggs,			50	4	00	4 50	
Job D. Briggs,	2			_	L	2 00	
Sarah Burt,	_	_	~ 0	3	75	3 75	
Thomas T. Burt,	2	3	50	7.0		5 50	
Nancy T. Burt,	0	,		16	75	16 75	
Alvin Briggs,	2	1	75	16	50	20 25	
N. G. T. Bowen,	2	1	15	20	00	23 15	
George H. Bowers,	2	2	90	20	00	24 90	
Alfred Boardman,	$\frac{2}{2}$	4	80	21	50	28 30	
Asa N. Bodfish,	$\frac{2}{2}$			_	00	2 00	
Lewis Bragg, Alden C. Babcock,	$\frac{2}{2}$			5	00	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
Nelson E. Blynn,	$\overset{z}{2}$	2	25	11	00	$\frac{2}{15} \frac{00}{25}$	
Thomas Chaffee,	$\frac{z}{2}$	2	20	11	00	$\frac{13}{2} \frac{23}{00}$	
Abby Chaffee,	2			3	00	3 00	
John C. Crane,	2	1	20	20	50	23 70	
W. H. S. Crane,	$\frac{2}{2}$	1	80	13	16	16 96	
Samuel Covel,	2	3	30	11	75	17 05	
George Crane,	2	0	00	11	10	2 00	
Sarah Crane,	~			8	75	8 75	
Adoniram Cummings,	2		20	8	25	10 45	
Benjamin F. Coombs,	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	40		00	29 40	
Margaret Crane,	~	í	20	20	25	21 45	
John Cameron,	2	-		-0		2 00	
Abiel B. Crane,	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	25	12	90	16 15	
George Cummings,	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	10	6	75	10 85	
Joseph T. Cummings,	$\frac{1}{2}$		50	6	65	9 15	
Jason Cummings,	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	10	11	25	14 35	5

NAME.		Poll Tax.	Pers	onal.	Rea	al.	Total 7	Гах.
Barzillai Crane heirs,					7	50	7	50
Nathan G. Case,		2		85	9	50	12	35
Charles Corey,		2	2	76	16	25	21	01
Stephen Corey,		2	8	00	2	00	12	00
James Covell,		2					2	00
Samuel H. Clark,		2					2	00
Joseph H. Cummings,		2					2	00
Edgar E. Chase,	•	2		25			2	25
Thomas G. Chase,		2	1	25			3	25
Irving A. Chase,		2	2	25			4	25
George W. Cummings,		2		75			2	75
Andrew H. Covel,		2	2	10			4	10
Charles E. Clark,		2	4	0.0	25	00	31	00
Charles E. Clark, Jr.		2			6	50	8	50
John J. Clark,		2					2	00
James Clark,		2					2	00
Benjamin, Crane, heirs.			,		1	00	1	00
Peter L. Chase,		2	4	05	34	00	40	05
Thomas H. Chase,		2					2	00
Benjamin F. Chase,		2		90	15	75	18	65
Henry W. Clark,		2	1	50	8	75	12	25
Israel Chase,		2		90	8	25	1 i	15
William Caswell,		2	2	00	20	05	24	05
Daniel Caswell,		2					2	00
Charles E. Carr,		2	1	70	13	50	17	20
William H. Cole,		2		30			2	30
Samuel H. Cudworth,		2	2	00	9	00	13	00
John F. Cushing,		2		75			2	75
Calvin T. Crane,		2	15	50	21	25	38	75
John Cushing,		2	1	00	1	00	4	00
E. R. Clark,					' 4	25	4	25
George W. Caswell,			1	30			1	30
Stephen H. Clark,		2		25			2	25
George S. Clark,		2	1	75	9	50	13	25
Vernon L. Dean,		2					2	00
Hercules Dean,		2	2	50	22	85	27	35
Thomas C. Dean heirs,			1	50	21	85	23	35
Thomas B. Dean heirs,								
Miles S. Dean,		2	2	10	14	00	18	10
Clarence W. Dean,		2					2	00
Albert E. Dean,		2	1	25			3	25
Thomas F. Dean,		2	3	00		15	25	15
Ebenezer Dean heirs,				25	23	10	23	35
Charles A. Davis,		2	1	58	10	50	14	80

NAME.	Poll Tax.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
James D. Dillingham,	2	1 00	17 90	20 90
John Q. Dillingham,	$\frac{z}{2}$	4 85	34 30	41 15
Esther D. Dillingham,	2	Ŧ 00	4 00	4 00
Sophia P. D. Dillingham.			4 00	4 00
Siles Downing	2	25	4 00	6 25
Silas Downing,	2	$\frac{25}{65}$		8 15
Henry J. Dyer,	_		5 50	
Herbert A. Dean,	$\frac{2}{2}$	6 05	96 35	104 40
William Donaldson,	2 -	95	15 60	16 55
Robert Davidson		20		2 20
Charles H. Dean,	2			2 00
Benj. F. Dean,	2			2 00
Isaac Ellis,	2		0 =0	2 00
Margaret Ellis,			3 50	3 50
Rollin B. Eaton,	2	1 60	14 65	18 25
Theodore H. Eaton,	2			2 00
Joseph R. Elsbree,	2	3 25	15 50	20 75
Jeremiah Elsbree,	2			2 00
William K. Evans,	2	80	13 00	15 80
Oliver E. French,	2	1 05	18 50	$21 \ 55$
Charles W. Farmer,	2	1 50	12 00	$15 \ 50$
Emily Farmer,			9 75	9 75
James O. French,	2	1 50	5 25	8 75
Timothy E. French,	2	50	6 00	8 50
Isaac E. French,	2			2 00
Mary B. French,			1 50	1 50
Benj. Fisk,	2	70		2 70
Christopher P. French,	2	1 85	12 70	16 55
Lewis P. Fletcher,	2	6 00		8 00
Phillip H. Fletcher,	2	13 50	37 00	52 50
Everett French,	2	1 00		3 00
Lewis Greene,	2	3 25		5 25
Allen Gray,		50	$12 \ 25$	12 75
Alexander Gray,	2	1 00		3 00
John Grinnell,	2	95	14 00	16 95
John Gidmark,	2			2 00
Shadrack Hathaway,		50	12 65	13 15
Enoch S. Hathaway,	2	1 55		3 55
Enoch Hathaway heirs,			1 50	1 50
Benjamin Hathaway heirs,			5 00	5 00
Henry Hathaway,	. 2	12 80	17 80	32 60
Willard H. Hathaway,	2	65		2 65
Elizabeth J. Haskins,			23 00	23 00
Rebecca G. Hathaway,			19 20	19 20
David Hoxie,	2	3 00	25 75	30 75
	-	0 00	20 10	90 10

NAME.	Poll Ta	x. Pers	onal.	Rea	al.	Total ?	Гах.
George Hudson,	2					2	00
Henry Horton,	2					$\frac{1}{2}$	00
Edward Haskins,	2					$\overline{2}$	00
Frederic N. Horton,	2					2	00
Cyrus Hathaway,	2	1	15	12	35	15	50
Sarah Hathaway,			25	2	00	2	25
Albert Hathaway,				3	50	3	50
Rowena Hathaway,							
Cyrus Haskins,	2	1	73			3	73
Cyrus Haskins heirs,				8	50	8	50
Bradford G. Hathaway,	2	2	50	11	50	16	00
Peter Hathaway heirs,				19	0.0	19	00
George A. Harmon,	2	1	15	7	50	10	65
Augustus R. Haines,	2			5	00	7	00
Henry A. Haines,	2					2	00
Clarence E. Haines,	2					2	00
George F. Howard,	2		50			2	50
Joseph A. Howard,	2		55			2	55
Russell Haskins,	2					2	00
Stephen Hathaway,	2	2	20	16	80	21	00
Julius C. Haskins,	2	2	30	22	75	27	05
Charles R. Haskins,	2					, 2	00
W. W. Haskins,	2		25			2	25
John T. Haskins,	2					2	00
Elam R. Haskins	2		93	11	00	13	93
Cornelius Harrington.	2	1	20	1	00	4	20
Catherine Harrington			35	7	50	7	85
Jacob C. Haskins,	2		35			2	35
Lydia G. Haskins,			35	19	50	19	85
Fanny Haskins heirs,				10		10	00
Sarah J. Howard heirs,				10	25	10	25
Isaac N. Horton,	2	1	85			3	85
Edward V. Hazzard,	2		90			2	90
Arthur Jones,	2	•	90			2	90
Giles L. Leach,	4	.3	93	39	85	47	78
Obediah Lawton,	2		55	13	50	16	05
William F. Lincoln,	2		:			2	00
Simeon W. Luther,	2		75			2	75
Benjamin Luther,	2	1	70	17		21	10
Margaret Luther,			25	9	00	9	25
Frank S. Macomber,	2	5	40	6	00		40
James H. Macomber,	2	1	25	. 4	50	7	75
Horace N. Macomber,	2	3	85		50	6	35
Frederick Macomber,	2					2	00

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NAME.	Poll Tax.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Sarah C. Myrick, guardian,	0	1 05	5 25	5 25
Gideon H. Myrick,	2.	1 35	14 00	17 35
John W. Meack,	2	75	5 00	7 75
Sarah C. Myrick,	0	. .	20 40	20 40
Ebenezer Macomber,	2	55	13 65	16 20
George W. Macomber,	$\frac{2}{2}$	3 25	30 00	35 25
George R. Macomber,	2	1 25		3 25
Restcome Macomber,	2	16 25		18 25
Rufus B. Macomber,	2	0.05	1 . 00	2 00
James Maguire,	2	2 35	17 30	21 65
L. D. Millard,	2	12 00	54 00	68 00
Macomber & Brightman,			20 00	20 00
Samuel Norcutt,	0	7 00	4 50	4 50
George A. Norcutt,	2	1 00	0 50	3 00
E. Macomber, guardian,	0		2 50	2 50
Edward Maguire,	2			2 00
Samuel C. Norcutt,	2	50	0 = 0	2 50
Silas Norcutt,			9 50	9 50
Bernard Norcutt,		0.00	9 25	9 25
Francis Newhall	2	2 00	24 39	28 30
Betsey Newhall,			1 25	1 25
Walter D. Nichols,	2	2 35	35 75	40 10
Horatio W. Peck,	2			2 00
Emma Nichols,	2	50		50
Augustus F. Pierce,	2	2 20	16 00	20 20
James Pierce,	2	60 00	2 50	64 50
Jason Pitsley,	2		1 75	3 75
Everett C. Pierce,	2	* * 40	1	2 00
Albert Pitts,	2	11 40	51 75	65 15
Thomas F. Poole,	2			2 00
Samuel W. Phillips,	2		2 75	4 75
Leonard G. Parker,	2			2 00
James F. Phillips,	2		10 00	$12 \ 00$
Andrew N. Pierce heirs.			6 68	6 68
Darius Phillips, heirs,		2 00	14 75	16 75
Jeremiah W. Pierce,			90	90
Samuel S. Pierce,	2		3 70	5 70
Shepard Phillips,	2	1 25	2 75	6 00
Alfred Pierce,	2	2 10	13 30	17 40
Phillip C. Porter,	2			2 00
Franklin Phillips,	2	75	8 25	11 00
Charles F. Phillips,	2	40		2 40
F. A. Paull heirs,			23 00	$23 \ 00$
C. F. Paul,	2			2 00
James W. Paull,	2			2 00
Thomas P. Paull,	2			2 00

NAME.	Poll Tax.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Paul Brothers,		27 50	1 50	29 00
David R. Pierce heirs,		21 00	4 00	4 00
Elkanah Pierce,	2	20 22	34 70	56 92
William H. Pierce,	$\frac{2}{2}$	52 30	14 55	68 85
William H. Pierce, guardian,	4	02 00	3 00	3 00
Joshua Padelford,	2		3 00	2 00
John A. Read,	$\frac{2}{2}$	62	12 00	14 62
Otis E. Reed,	$\frac{2}{2}$	02	12 00	2 00
Asa W. Reed,	$\frac{2}{2}$		4 50	6 50
John F. Richmond,	$\frac{2}{2}$	60	10 00	12 60
David K. Richmond,	$\frac{2}{2}$	00	10 00	2 00
Mrs. Stephen Ramsdell,	4		1 25	1 25
Apollos B. Read,	2		1 20	2 00
Salmon Richmond heirs,	4		13 00	13 00
	2	hz	13 00	2 75
Alonzo Reynolds, John F. Staples,	$\frac{2}{2}$	75		2 00
Potagr C Stone	Z		0.05	
Betsey C. Stone,	0	1 00	8 25 6 50	
William H. Smith,	2	1 30		9 80 7 00
Sinai Seekell,	0		7 00	
Richard Seymore,	2	4 00	00 05	2 00
Daniel D. Strange,	0	4 60	22 25	26 85
Noah Strange,	2 .		07 00	2 00
Thomas Strange heirs,	-	1 00	37 00	37 00
George P. Strange,	2	1 60	70	4 30 2 00
George A. Strange,	2		1 00	
Maria J. Strange,	0	0 *0	1 20	1 20
David T. Strange,	$\frac{2}{2}$	2 50	17 00	21 50
Ellery W. Strange,	2	0.0		2 00
Elam Staples,	2	30		2 30
Charles F. Staples,	2	٥.٢	5 05	2 00
Darius Sanford,	0	35	7 25	7 60
Charles A. Shaw,	2	1 30	4 25	7 55
David F. Strange,	2	= 0	1 50	3 50
Joseph Staples,	2	70 .	10 00	12 70
Isaac Seymore,	2	3 60	24 05	29 05
Thomas H. Seekell.	2	2 20	19 25	23 45
John F. Staples,	2	6 40	17 00	25 40
Seth F. Staples,	2	1 35	15 10	18 45
Timothy Staples,	2	2 15	17 00	21 15
George W. Simmons,	2			2 00
William Simms,	2	6 60	16 00	24 60
William G. Simms,	2			2 00
Cong. Society,			7 50	7 50
Frank Sullivan,	2			2 00
Thomas L. Smith,	2			2 00
John Smith,	2			2 00

NAME.	Poll Tax.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
George L. Turcott,	2			2 00
Leander Terry,	2	1 60	16 2	5 19 85
Noah D. Thrasher,	2		9 5	0 11 50
Jonathan W. Thrasher,	2	11 45	27 2	5 40 70
Charles O. Thrasher,	2	85		2 85
Benjamin F. Thrasher,	2	25	3 7	5 6 00
John H. Thrasher,	2	70	7 0	0 9 70
Charles F. Thrasher,	2	30 00		32 00
John T. Townsend,	2	2 30	11 0	0 15 30
Nathaniel G. Townsend,	2	1 75	14 0	0 17 75
Thomas Terry,			8 2	5 . 8 25
Joseph W. Terry,	2			2 00
Zebedee Terry,	2			2 00
Edward F. Terry,	2			2 00
Eliphalet Terry,	2			2 00
Frank B. Terry,	2			2 00
Gustavus Tripp,	2		5 5	0 7 50
Cassius E. Viall,	2	80	13 2	5 16 05
Amanda Wilbur,			1 5	0 1 50
George W. Westgate,	2	1 80	8 5	
George H. Westgate,	$\overline{2}$	25	4 5	
Eli Wardell,	$\overline{2}$	50		2 50
James B. Westgate,	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 50	11 5	0 15 00
Dean P. Westgate,	2	3 00	13 5	
George E. Westgate,	$\frac{2}{2}$	25	100	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Elijah Wilbur,	_	65	8 0	
Henry S. Wilbur,	2	00	0 0	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Bildad Williams,	$\frac{1}{2}$		2 7	
George F. Wilbur,	$\frac{2}{2}$	1 45	$\frac{27}{5}$	
Charles H. Williams,	$\frac{2}{2}$	50	8 5	
Seth E. Williams,	$\frac{2}{2}$	50	11 0	
Caroline Williams	~	00	4 7	
James E. Westgate,	2	50	$\frac{1}{2}$ 7	
Andrew Waters,	2	00		0. 10 00
James Wade,	2	2 00	19 2	
Charles M. Wade,	$\frac{2}{2}$	2 00	10 2	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
William Whittemore heirs,	~		8 5	
Charles S. White,	2	1 00	11 7	
Carlos C. Wellman,	$\frac{2}{2}$	1 00	11 /	$\frac{14}{2} \frac{73}{00}$
Theodore Wilbur,	$\frac{z}{2}$	10 00	1 0	
Marshall B. Williams,	4	10 00	1 0	0 15 00
Arthur White,	2			9.00
Adoniram Wilcox,	$\frac{z}{2}$	1 00	6 0	$egin{array}{cccc} 2&00\ 9&25 \end{array}$
Elisha Williams,	4	1 00	6 2	9 25
	0			0.00
Frederick Whittaker,	2			2 00
Edward E. Whittaker,	2			2 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

TAUNTON.

	Nathan Clark,	\$6	65
	George Seekell,		00
	James H. Wade,	12	25
	William Morse,	9	00
	J. Frank Dean,	23	10
	Charles F. Johnson,	5	50
	W. Albert Haskins,		50
	Edward P. Macomber,	3	00
	David C. Dean,	5	15
	James J. Dean,	3	75
	Charles W. Padelford,		30
í	Rufus Macomber, personal, 2 30 real, 43 50 total,	45	80
	Sallie Atwood's heirs,	5	00
	Charles G. Delano,	8	75
	William Burt,	3	00
	Benjamin Burt,	4	00
	Samuel B. Chase,	6	50
	Anthony & Cushman,		50
	David W. Dean,	9	75
	Jacob Eldridge,	1	00
	George A. Field and others,	10	00
	Nelson Goff,		50
	Enoch Goff,		75
	Phillip Williams,		50
	Edward W. Macomber, personal,	1	00
	Sylvia Hathaway,		75
	Enoch Hathaway heirs,		75
	George Hart,	_	50
	Edward O. Hart,		50
	John W. Hart,		00
	James E. Hart,	. 1	
	Lysander W. Hart,		
	Henry B. Macomber,		00
	Samuel W. Macomber,	О	00
	William F. Macomber,		50 25
	Stephen Pierce,	1	00
	Oliver A. Pierce,		00
	William Price,		00
	Isaac Fish, David Padelford,		00
	Elizabeth Padelford,		00
	James Paull heirs,		00
	Elias Phillips heirs,	3	00
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Barnard Quigley heirs,	1	50
Sinai Williams and others,	3	50
Alpheus Sanford heirs,	2	90
John E. Sanford,	2	00
Abraham Shores,	6	00
Martin Smith,		75
Jacob Phillips,		50
Lloyd Williams heirs,		00
George Williams,		00
James Witherell,		50
Francis K. Williams,	26	
A. White & Co., A. L. Bliss, personal, 4 40 real, 25 50 total,	$\frac{7}{29}$	90
A. L. Bliss, personal, 4 40 real, 25 50 total, Job Hamer,	29	75
Lysander Soper,	2	50
James Gillispie,	1	50
Mary Haskins,	1	50
William W. French,	î	80
Elkanah Hathaway,	11	
Otis Thayer,	1	50
Israel French,		50
Alexander H. Williams,		50
Alexander E. Burt,		50
Abiel Staples,	7	50
Taunton Savings Bank,	4	00
Bristol County Savings Bank, (T. A. Briggs,)	6	00
FREETOWN.		
Daniel H. Cudworth,		20
William H. Cudworth heirs,		30
Hathaway & Evans,	2	50
Charles E. Hathaway,	2	50
Johathan Gurney,		80
Thomas G. Nichols heirs,	1	50
Nichols & Sampson,		50
James Winslow,	1	
Charles Eddy,		75
Appollos Webster,		60
John D. Wilson,		50
Joseph D. Hathaway,	-	05
Charles H. Briggs,		00
Gilbert M. Nichols, George L. Hammond,	11	65
	11	00
LAKEVILLE.		-
Clothier Allen heirs,	5	50
John Allen,	10	60
John F. Allen,	16	00

Ebenezer Crane,		
William Canedy,	3	25
Job Pierce,		25
Ethan E. Pierce,		45
Amelia Paull,	2	00
Enos Pierce,		20
Henry C. Pickens,		50
Cyrus O. Elms,	6	50 80
Charles Farmer,	4	50
Jerry Murphy,		25
James P. Pierce,		00
Abraham Pierce heirs,		00
Susan Strobridge heirs,	*	00
NEW BEDFORD.	2.4	0.0
Daniel K. Andros heirs,	16	
Charles D. Burt,	9	50
Caroline Morse,		25
Samuel H. Whitmore,	15	00
Samuel B. Hamlin,	55	
J. Augustus Brownell,	5.7	00
PROVIDENCE, R. I.		
William Seekell,	1	
Jane Renches heirs,		00
Frank D. Chester,		35
Joseph W. Puffer,	7	
George F. Crowningshield,		00
Calvin T. Dean,		00 50
Malacha Haskins,	0	30
Shove & Perry,	7	00
Charles N. Simmons,		50
Noble S. Simmons heirs,		50
Charles E. Whitmarsh,	,	60
James C. Standish,		75
FALL RIVER.		
Laurence de la companya de la compan	10	00
Edmund Chase and others,	12	00 50
Caroline Dean heirs,		30
BOSTON.		
Ellen Anderson,		50
Old Colony Railroad, N. B. Div.,	40	00
CAMBRIDGE.		
John Crane heirs,	12	00

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BRIGHTON.		
Ambrose W. Hathaway,	5	00
RAYNHAM.	- 1	
Enoch Sanford,	2	00
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William W. Blandin,	10	50
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS.		
George W. Pierce,	3	00
PORTSMOUTH, R. I.		
Abby Chase,	4	00
· FOXBORO.		
Simmons Winslow,	10	65
VERMONT.		
Sumner S. Thompson,	5	50
INDIANA.		
Jonathan Crane,	1	50

Town Clerk's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1883.

No. of Dogs,	48
No. of Deaths,	18
No. of Births,	14
No. of Marriages,	1

J. A. READ, Town Clerk.

Report of the School Committee.

Another school year has been gathered to the past, and it has become the duty of your committee to report to the town the condition of its several schools, and to make any suggestions or recommendations concerning them that in our opinion will conduce to their efficiency in the accomplishment of the purposes for which they were and are established.

The whole number of scholars between the ages of five and fifteen years upon the first day of May last, as found in the town by the town assessors, was 139; between the ages of eight and fourteen years was 97. whole number of scholars of all ages attending all of the schools in the spring term was 145; average attendance was 123; over fifteen years of age was 17; under five years of age was seven. The whole number of scholars of all ages attending the schools during the fall term was 144, of which ten were over fifteen years of age, and seven were under five years of age; and the average attendance at the fall term was 129. During the winter term 152 scholars of all ages were enrolled upon the school registers, with an average attendance of 132, of which twenty-one scholars were over fifteen, and six under five years of age. Whole number enrolled during the year was (163) one hundred and sixty-three; average attendance, 139, or eighty-five per cent. attendance for the year.

The framers of our admirable State Constitution said that "Wisdom and knowledge as well as virtue diffused generally among the body of the people being necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties; and, as these depend on spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country and among different orders of the people; it shall be the duties of legislatures and magistrates to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and frugality, honesty and punctuality in their dealings, sincerity, good humor and all social affections, and generous sentiments among the people."—Chap. I, Sec. 2 Constitution of Mass. In pursuance of this constitutional enjoinder the Legislature enacted that "All instructors of youth impress upon the minds of children committed to their care and instruction the principles of piety, justice, and a sacred regard for truth, love to their country, humanity and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry, and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and those other virtues which are the ornaments of human society, and the basis upon which a republican government is founded." Now, while sectarianism and the introduction of sectarian books are prohibited in the public schools, the teaching, the impressing of the broad principles of morality are enjoined by the above high, and by the Highest Authority as well. ever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them," said the Great Teacher, who spoke having authority.

We are most happy to have it in our power to express the belief that the teachers in your employment have been faithful to their trusts; that in the management of their schools and in the progress of their pupils in the various branches and studies pursued, they have been measurably successful—some of them eminently so. There has been no case of insurbordination or of truancy brought to our notice, and eighty-five per cent. attendance speaks for the general good attendance at school. But our system of public school education contemplates more than a mere knowledge of the subjects of study embraced in the curriculum of our public schools. intellectual training and culture is of doubtful utility if the moral qualities of the mind are neglected. ulations, embezzlements, burglaries, robberies, and other felonies which have been perpetrated, and which almost daily startle the community by their discovery and by their audacity, which so promote distrust and insecurity in almost all departments of legitimate industry, are not due to ignorance, but rather to a high degree of mere intellectual culture, while all moral principles and considerations are ignored. Is it not because their moral culture has been neglected, and its beneficial influence is powerless to restrain the unholy and demoralizing greed for riches? "Let the golden stream be quick and violent," and all consideration of honesty, of personal integrity are disregarded.

It has been, it still is, urged against our system of public education (which we so justly view with pride) that Massachusetts, taken as a exponent of it, has a greater per centage of convicted criminals, than states that have few or no public schools within their borders—that illiteracy and crime are not co-relative. While our faith in our school system is not for a moment shaken by the insidious attacks upon it, we submit that whatever semblance of truth there may be in this arraignment by its foes, it is mainly due to the sacrifice of the moral to the purely intellectual culture. After making all due allowance for hereditary mental structure and proclivities, the same system of teaching will have in a majority of children and youth a proper directing influence upon their future. Grant that the teaching of morality must

largely be attended to at home, by the fireside, by precept and by example, "line upon line," and also in Sunday schools, yet we insist that the public school is an important, an indispensible auxilliary in the development of the true type of manhood and womanhood. We do not arraign our teachers or ourselves as sinners above all in these suggestions, but think there is a laxity in this important element of education which did not obtain a half a century since, and is a sad retrogression and not desirable progress.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school house No. 4 (Assonet Neck) needs new desks and newly remodeling in its interior to conform to the arrangement of the other school houses in town. We therefore recommend the town to appropriate a sum sufficient for the accomplishment of this object. committee would also renew the suggestions and recommendations of the committee in last years report, and fully indorse the need of improvement in the school yard for School No. 2. As it now stands it is a bad educator. A conference with the proprietors of the land desired, would, we think, accomplish the object in view, and result in a mutual benefit. And we respectfully ask for instruction and authority to act in this matter, which cannot brook longer delay. When the above changes are effected we believe it will place our school houses in the front rank compared with those of any other small town in the commonwealth. The scholars are also well supplied with suitable text beeks, readers, and spellers.

The appropriation for support of schools during the current year was, we think, a reasonable one, and being supplemented by our proportion of the interest of the State school fund, and by the dog tax, has enabled us to continue the schools thirty-three weeks, which, we think,

is the minimum length with which the town will be, or ought to be satisfied.

We gratefully appreciate the abiding interest in the schools exhibited by the clergymen of the town in visits, by advice, and by other means for the promotion of the welfare of the pupils, believing that such active interest accomplishes much good, and that a neglect of such favorable opportunities is a grave mistake.

WALTER D. NICHOLS, School DANIEL S. BRIGGS, THOMAS P. PAULL, of Berkley.

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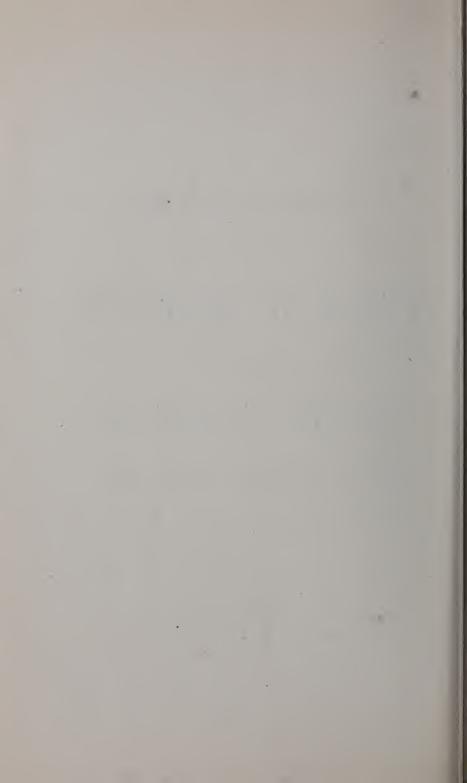
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Selectmen's Report.

Entering upon the duties of their office your board find among the first things to employ their attention the making of the report for the past year. Our impression, is that the Board of last year (as recommended in last year's report) should have made their own statement, being better acquainted with the affairs of the Town.

During the year the Town Farm has been in charge of Mr. E. E. Lane, and we find after a careful inspection of the premises, that he has performed his duties as well as could be expected. In auditing his accounts we find that he had credited the Town with produce sold to the amount of \$587.16, and charged the Town with grain, groceries, and sundries, to the amount of \$520.42 leaving to the credit of the Town \$66.74 towards his salary. The balance of his salary of \$133.26 a new harness and some clothing for the inmates, were paid out of the Town Treasury making a total of \$170.00 besides the use of the farm, expended for the care of our unfortunate at the Almshouse. This perhaps might be well, if they could be maintained even at this cost, in

the future; but we are brought to face stubborn facts, viz: buildings sadly out of repair, land that has been overtaxed in the past, and tools that have been used to the last extremity. To repair the buildings; recuperate the land; replace the tools will require the expenditure of not a small amount of money.

In making the yearly appraisal your board were compelled to drop from the list certain things for want of value, and the difference of \$145.00 in the total, compared with last year's report results from several causes, farm produce being of less value, the usual wear and tear, and in several cases from over valuation in previous years. For the coming year we have secured the services of a young man and his wife, who are well recommended by their neighbors for industry and sobriety, at a salary of \$175 for the year: a reduction of \$25 from last year.

On March 27, your board made the annual appraisment with the following result.

APPRAISAL.

1 horse,	100 00)
6 cows,	270 00)
4 shoats,	25 00)
4 tons English hay,	72 00)
1 mowing machine,	1 00)
2 plows and cultivator,	12 00)
1 harrow.	6 00)

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4 forks and 2 shovels,	1 25
1 tackle and harness,	3 00
1 new harness,	25 00
1 stump hook and 2 ladders,	2 00
1 whiffletree and wrench,	1 00
1 express wagon,	15 00
1 farm wagon,	25 00
1 iron bar sledge and three chains,	4 00
1 hames and chain,	1 00
1 water trough,	.75
1 horse sled,	5 00
Seed corn and oak plank,	1 00
2 pails,	.40
1 grindstone,	1 50
1 scythe and snath,	1 00
¹ / ₄ M shingles,	.75
58 hens @ 60 cts.	34 80
10 cords of wood,	50 00
2 saws 3 axes,	3 00
3 hoes,	.75
25 bushels of potatoes,	10 00
15 bushels turnips,	3 00
10 lbs. lard,	1 00
30 lbs. pork,	3 00
100 gallons cider,	10 00
2 churns \$5 00 one wringer \$5 00	10 00
19 milk pans and 2 tubs,	2 75
3 milk pails,	1 25
1 apple parer and butter moulds and boxes,	1 50

1 lantern,	75
1 white wash and paint brushes,	1 15
1 earthen pan,	25
1 lot of fish and soap,	70
4 butter tubs,	40
3 bbls ashes,	2 25
Sum of appraisal,	\$710 20

In the past year 21 tramps have been lodged over night, and fed; and the whole number of inmates throughout the year at the Almshouse was five, viz:

John Hall	aged	77
John Westgate	6.6	59
Mitchell Robare	"	13
Reuben A. Robare	64	9
Mary L. Robare	4.4	7

All of whom appear in good health, properly clothed, and are as comfortable as the circumstances will allow. One of the Robare girls not mentioned above, was taken into a good family with a verbal understanding that she was to be well cared for, and treated as one of the family during her minority. The indigent partially maintained by the Town have been increased during the year by a family of six, a mother and five children. Within the past year Berkley and Dighton bridge has been replanked, and made secure for a short term of years, and the sum of \$275. has been expended out of the Treasury in addition to the planking, on our stone bridges.

In conclusion your board are of the opinion that the Almshouse and outbuildings should be repaired, implements purchased to replace the worn out and useless ones, and the land improved by cultivation, and dressing; the same being respectfully submitted for your consideration.

PHILIP H. FLETCHER. Selectmen PETER L. CHASE. of CALVIN T. CRANE.

Treasurer's Report.

A. HERBERT ALLEN IN ACC'T WITH TOWN OF BERKLEY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 30, 1885.

RECEIVED.

\$7,846 72

From Cash from last year,	\$445	81
City of Fall River,	60	00
Machinist's Bank, note,	400	00
W. D. Nichols, Fish note,	51	00
Oyster note,	1,306	00
Rent of Hall at Myricks,	52	00
Corporation Tax,	86	21
National Bank Tax,	745	25
State Aid and Military Aid,	150	00
Income of School Fund,	309	04
Dog Fund,	90	07
City of Fall River,	72	00
Town of Freetown,	17	00
Last year's Taxes,	137	50
This year's Taxes,	3,924	84
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PAID.

On account of Schools,	1,592	58
For School Books,	125	52
Town Officers,	613	78
Incidental expenses of the Town,	1,098	99
State Tax,	520	00
County Tax,	403	60
Bank Note,	400	00
Poor out of Almes House,	686	76
Discount on Taxes,	375	02
State Aid,	139	50
Fall River Poor,	96	00
Uncollected Taxes,	104	36
Highway Surveyors,	1,128	53
Military Aid,	54	00
Cash in Treasurers hands,	505	08

Total, 7,846 72

Added to the above, "bills not paid at time of settlement."

Treasurers Salary, 74 50

D. S. Briggs as School Committee, 38 00

G. L. Leach as School Committee about, 25 00

John A. Read, as Clerk to board of

Registration, 6 00

Bridge School Teacher, 98 50

will make the amount Paid for Town Officers, \$855.78 and reduce the cash on hand to \$263.08 with about \$175.00 coming due in April.

TOWN OFFICERS.

1884.

April 26, D. S. Briggs, School Committee,	43	35
" W. D. Nichols, "	30	60
" Mr. Belcher Overseer Town Farm,	108	46
Oct. 15, Hercules Dean, Assessor,	32	33

" G. L. Leach, "	30	00		
" G. H. Myricks, "	25	00		
1885.				
Feb. 11, John A. Read, Town Clerk,		10		
March 12, D. S. Briggs, Selectmen,		78		
17, Peter L. Chase, "		00		
26, Thomas A. Briggs, "		00		
26, H. Dean, attending board meetings		00		
28, E. G. Lane, overseer Town farm,	133			
28, W. D. Nichols.	32	90		
Total,			613	78
Among the incidental expenses are included the	he			
road machine,	155	00		
The repairing of the bridge near Mr. Clarks				
house,	213	85		
Printing the Town report,	39	10		
Repairs on Berkley bridge,	69	29		
Care and repair on same,	156	31		
Wm. H. S. Crane, serving dog warrants,	9	00		
Money expended by sclectmen on highways,	120	71		
Town of Middleboro, watching fish,	20	00		
Seats for Town hall, and freight on same,	76	16		
Harness for Town farm,	27	50		
EXPENDED BY HIGHWAY SUR	VE	YOI	RS.	
District No. 1, A. H. Allen,	200	70		
District No. 2, T. T. Burt,	211	32		
District No. 3, T. A. Briggs,	121	74		
District No. 4, T. H. Chase,	138	96		
District No. 5, N. H. Strange,	92	20		
District No. 6, J. T. Townsend,	123	42		
District No. 7, C. M. Wade,	240	19		
			\$1,128	
Add amount expended by selectmen,			120	71
Total for highway,		•	\$1,249	24

We a committee having been appointed by the Town at their annual meeting to settle with the treasurer A. H. Allen, have attended to that duty, will report as follows.

We find the treasurer has received per books the sum of seventhousand eight hundred and forty six dollars and seventy two cents, \$7,846-72.

And the treasurer has vouchers to the amount of seven thousand two hundred and thirty seven dollars and twenty eight cents, \$7,237 28.

Uncollected taxes to the amount of 104 36

Leaving balance in the hands of the treasurer of five hundred and five dollars and eight cents, 505 08

Estimate of bills due 1st of April, from the town to sundry persons, 355 00

We find available funds as follows,
Due from City of Taunton for board,
Due from City of Fall River for board,
And the following notes in his hands,
Note of Robert Pettis due June 1, 1885,
Note of W. D. Nichols,
Note of J. W. Hart & Co.

18 00
24 00
25 00
75 00

The note of H. A. Dean for forty dollars was surrendered by the vote of the town March 2, 1885.

Settled this day with A. H. Allen,

CALVIN T. CRANE, Committee to settle B. F. COOMBS, with Treasurer.

Berkley, March 30, 1885.

A true copy—Attest:

A. HERBERT ALLEN, Treasurer.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT No. 1.

June 1884.		
A. H. Allen, 9 days labor @ 1 50	13	5(
A. H. Allen, 12 days labor horse,	18	00
Fred Williams 13 hours @ 15 cts. per hour,	1	95
Allie Case, 2 hours at 15 cts. per hour,		30
Albert Pitts, 50 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	7	5(
Bildad Williams, 90 hours at 15 cts. per hour	13	50
Samuel Phillips, 144 hours at 15 cts. per hour	21	60
E. H. Allen, 47 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	7	05
E. H. Allen, 7 days horse,	10	5(
George Cummings, 15 hours at 15 cts. per hour	, 2	25
John Cameron, 47 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	7	05
John Cameron, 47 hours horse,	7	05
H. Dean, man and horse one day,	3	00
Giles L. Leach, $17\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 15 cts. per hour,	2	$62\frac{1}{2}$
Giles L. Leach, $27\frac{1}{2}$ hours horse,	4	$12\frac{1}{2}$
John A. Read, 33 hours at 15 cts. per hour and		
26 hours horse,	8	85
Calvin Crane, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour, $33\frac{1}{2}$		
hours horse,	8	03
Nelson Blynn, team on scraper,	11	55
Nelson Blynn, 47 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	7	05
Albert Burt, 45½ hours at 15 cts. per hour,	6	82
Albert Burt, 37 hours horse,	õ	55
Joseph Cummings, 27 nours at 15 cts. per hour,	4	05
Joseph Cummings, 17 hours horse,	2	55
Henry Hathaway, 35 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	5	25
Henry Hathaway, 35 hours horse,	5	25
E Wilbur, 47 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	7	05
E. Wilbur, 140 loads gravel,	7	20
Martin Alden, 5 hours horse and 5 hours man,	1	50

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DISTRICT No. 2.

1884 March 18 to May 21.				
T. T. Burt, 261 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	39	15		
H. A. Dean, 169 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	25	35		
A. Briggs, 85½ hours at 15 cts. per hour,	12	82		
Shepard Philips, 5 hours at 15 cts. per hour		75		
Stephen Corey, 50 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	7	50		
Asa Read, 55 hours at 15-cts. per honr,	8	25		
Geo. A. Norcutt, 29 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4	35		
Chas. Corey, 33 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4	95		
A. Boardman. 30 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4	50		
Amasa Bowen, 38 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	5	70		
Samuel C. Norcutt 60 hours at 15 cts. per hour	9	00		
Miles Dean, 20 hours at 15 cts, per hour,	3	00		
Horace Macomber, 40 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	, 6	00		
Oct 10 Irvin Chace, 50 hours at 15 cts. per hour	7	50		
Oct 10 Irvin Chase, 355 loads gravel,	14	32		
Apr. 17 T. T. Burt, and 2 horse 8 hours each,	6	0	1	
Apr. 19 G. A. Norcutt 16 hours,	2	40		
1884 Aug. 28 to Sept. 4.				
T. T. Burt, 68 hours,	8	50		
Shep. Phillips, 8 hours,	1	00		
Wm. Babbitt, 80 hours,	10	00		
N. G. T. Bowen, $61\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	7	68		
Geo. W. Westgate, 176 hours,	22	00		
Geo. H. Westgate, 24 hours,	3	00		
-			\$211	32

DISTRICT No. 3

L. D. Millard, 241 hours labor at 15	36	15
Isaac Babbitt, 65 hours labor "	9	75
Gideon Myrick, 70 hours labor "	10	50
Samuel Covel, 45 hours labor "	6	75
Adoniram Cummings, 15 hours labor at 15	2	25

Stephen Hathaway, 50 hours labor at 15	7	50		
Cyrus Hathaway, 50 hours labor at 15 44 loa	ds of			
Gravel at 3cts. per load,	8	82		
Francis Newhall, 40 hours labor at 15	6	00		
Albert Hathaway, 10 hours labor at 15	1	50		
J. H. Cummings, 30 hours labor at 15	4	50		
Herbert F. Briggs, 10 hours labor at 15	1	50		
C. Dexter Babbitt, 50 loads gravel at 3 cts,	1	50		
T. A. Briggs, 971 hours labor at 15	14	62		
Arthur E. Jones, 4 hours labor at 13		52		
Rolin H. Babbitt, 20 hours labor at 13	2	60		
Wm. H. S. Crane, 20 hours labor	2	60		
Geo. W. Crane, 7 hours labor at 13		91		
Horetio Peck, 2 hours labor at 13		26		
Simeon Briggs, 5 hours labor at 13		65		
T. A. Briggs, 22 hours labor at 13	2	86		
			\$121	74

DISTRICT No. 4.

Peter L. Chase,	2	0	62
Geo. E. Boyce,	1	4	75
John Boyce,		6	00
Elisha Belcher,		1	50
Calvin Belcher,			88
Bradford Hathaway,		8	75
Albert Dean,		1	50
Walter D. Nichols,	1	0	75
Benjamin Coombs,		8	50
John Dillingham,	1	3	88
James Dillingham,		6	00
Charles Davis,		3	00
John Grinnell,		4	25
James Maguire,		8	50
Benjamin Phillips,		4	25
Charles Carr,		4	25

Benjamin Chace, posts & gravel, Charles E. Chace, Thomas H. Chace,	4 88 2 50 14 20	\$1.00 O.A
		\$ 138 96
District No. 5.		
A. W. Allen, 68½ hours,	$10\ 27\frac{1}{4}$	
David T. Strange, 45 hours,	6 75	
Alfred Peirce, 10-hours at 13 cts. per hour		
and $50\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	$887\frac{1}{2}$	
J. F. Richmond, 25 ¹ / ₄ hours,	3 79	
Cyrus Haskins, 25½ hours,	$382\frac{1}{2}$	
G. P. Strange, 18 hours,	2 70	
Clinton L. Briggs, 7 hours,	1 05	
H. W. Clark, 144 loads gravel, and 30 hours,	10 26	
Philip A. Strange, 8½ hours,	$1 \ 27\frac{1}{2}$	
Charles E. Terry, 5 hours,	75	
Lewis D. Terry, 5 hours,	75	
R. B. Eaton, blowing rocks,	4 00	
Gideon Babbitt, 45 hours,	675	
Gideon Babbitt, 60 loads gravel,	1 80	
Simeon L. Luther, 20 hours,	3 00	
Willard H. Hathaway, 15 hours,	2 25	
N. H. Strange 100 hours,	15 00	
N. H. Strange, and others 70 hours,	9 10	
		\$92 20

DISTRICT No. 6.

J. T. Townsend, 200 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	30	00
J. T. Townsend, 20 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	2	60
Wm. Caswell, 62 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	9	30
Wm. Caswell, 20 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	2	60
D. P. Westgate, 33\frac{1}{3} hours at 13 cts. cer hour,	5	00
Franklin Phillips, 30 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4	50
Franklin Peirce, 40 loads gravel,	1	20

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N. G. Townsend, 75 hours at 15 cts. per honr,	11	25
J. H. Thrasher, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3	00
B. H. Thrasher, 10 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	1	50
J. A. Crowningshield, 10 hours at 15 cts. per		
hour,	1	50
Joseph Staples, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3	00
Joseph Staples, 18 loads gravel,		54
Geo. A. Harmon, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3	00
B. E. Townsend, 60 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	9	00
B. E. Townsend, 15 hours at 13 cts. per hour,	1	95
Rufus Macomber, 50 loads gravel,	1	50
Isarel Chace, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3	00
Isaac Ellis, 25 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3	75
William Donaldson, 78 loads gravel,	2	34
Thos. H. Seekell, 30 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	4	50
Thos. H. Seekell, 38 loads gravel,	1	14
Wm. M. Cole, 15 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	2	25
Chas. A. Shaw, $13\frac{1}{3}$ at 15 cts. per hour,	2	00
P. H. Fletcher, 20 hours at 15 cts. per hour,	3	00
L. P. Fletcher, 63\frac{2}{3} hours at 15 cts. per hour,	10	00

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DISTRICT No. 7.

Leander Terry,	10	50
George W. Macomber,	13	35
Jason Pittsley,	6	15
Charles S. White,	10	35
Damon D. White,	3	00
James Pierce,	11	00
John Meack,	6	00
Restcome Macomber,	9	00
John Cushing,	1	50
Julius C. Haskins,	9	00
John T. Haskins,	3	00
Adoniram Wilcox,	4	95

Elkanah Pierce,		14	00		
Elkanan Pierce, 201 loads gravel,		6	03		
Elam Haskins,		12	35		
William Simms,		4	50		
John Staples,		6	75		
Cash Vial,		6	30		
Seth F. Staples,		7	50		
Timothy Staples,		3	00		
Charles F. Paull,		9	00		
Charles F. Paull, 24 loads gravel,			72		
Silas Downing,		3	00		
William H. Pierce,		9	90		
James H. Wade, 147 loads gravel,		4	41		
George S. Clark,		4	50		
J. Horton, 175 loads of gravel,		5	25		
William Dolanson, 16 loads of gravel,			48		
Frederick Horton,		1	50		
Edward Horton,		3	00		
Apollos B. Reed,		1	50		
Russell Haskins,		3	00		
James Wade,		6	00		
Charles M. Wade,		39	70		
,	-			\$240	19

Valuation and Tax List.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 30, 1884.

By the Collector, A. Herbert Allen.

NAME.	Poll Tax.	Perso	onal.	Real	Real.		otal.
Stephen B. Allen Heirs,	\$4	\$2	68	\$23	92	\$30	60
Davis Allen heirs,	2	2	68	18	36	23	04
Jethro Ashley,	2	1	24	9	28	12	52
Martin Alden,	2	1	77	12	38	16	15
Augustus Adams,	2					2	
Benjamin Anthony,	2			, 8	66	10	66
Henry Anthony,	2					2	
William R. Angell,	2					2	
William Braman,	2					2	
Thomas Burt's Heirs,				12	38	12	38
Wid. Caroline Burt,				2	68	2	68
Stephen A. Burt,	2		50	8	45	10	98
Daniel S. Briggs,	2	1	77	14	03	17	80
Caleb S. Briggs,	2	1	49	4	53	8	02
Andrew Briggs,	2			1	24	3	24
Charles Bissett,	2	6	19	17	73	25	92
Caleb D. Babbitt,	2		53	3	51	6	04
William Babbitt,	2	7	22	21	45	30	67
William Babbitt and others,				7	42	7	42
William Babbitt, guardian,						3	71
William Boyce,	2		83	6	81	9	64
Edward Babbitt heirs,					27	10	27
Simeon Briggs heirs,			50	13	61	14	11
Simeon Briggs,	2	3	71			5	71
Herbert F. Briggs,	. 2					2	00
Thomas A. Briggs,	2	1	48	14	02	17	50
John D. Babbitt heirs,			25	10	72	10	97

Adoniram Babbitt,						04	1	
Rollin H. Babbitt,		2		95	12		15	
Enoch B. Babbitt,		2	4	00	18		24	
Isaac Babbitt,		2]	77	20		24	
Gideon H. Babbitt,		2			2	39	4	
Angeline Bassett,				86	11	96	12	
John Boyce,		2		95	18		21	10
Elisha Belcher,		2			4		6	
George E. Boyce,		2		86	16	3 71	19	
Calvin Belcher,		2		42	2	88	5	
William H. Belcher,		2					2	
Lucy A. Briggs,				42	2	88	3	30
Chester I. Briggs,		2					2	00
Job D. Briggs,		2					2	00
Sarah Burt,				25	3	0.9	3	34
Thos. T. Burt,		2	2	48			4	48
Nancy Burt,					12	99	12	99
Alvin Briggs,		2	1	53	13	61	17	14
N. G. T. Bowen,		2	1	11	16	50	19	61
Amasa W. Bowen,		2					2	00
George H. Bowers,		2	6	23	16	50	24	73
Alfred Boardman,		2	3	75	18	56	24	31
Asa W. Bodfish,		2					2	00
Lewis Bragg,				54	4	78	5	32
Nelson E. Blynn,		2	2	10	8	67	12	77
Richard W. Bliss,		2		78			2	78
Thomas Chaffee,		2					2	00
Abbie Chaffee,					2	48	2	48
John C. Crane,		2		74	16	93	19	67
William H. S. Crane,		2	1	32	10	85	14	17
Samuel Covill,		2	2	68	9	68	14	36
George Crane,		2					2	00
Sarah Crane,					7	63	7	63
Adoniram Cummings,		2	3	42	1	65	7	07
Benjamin F. Coombs,		4	3	30	19	39	26	69
Margaret Crane,			1	28	15	88	17	16
John Cameron,		2					2	00
Abial B. Crane,			1	03	10	64	11	67
George Cummings,		2	1	77	7	01	10	78
Joseph T. Cummings,		2		43	6	60	9	03
Jason Cummings,	*	2		74	8	87	11	61
Barzillia Cranes heirs,				83	6	19	7	02
Nathan G. Case,		2		43	7	84	10	27
Charles Corey,		2	2	60			4	60

Mary L. Corey,			12	99	12	99
Stephen Corey,	2	6 60	1	65	10	25
Thomas G. Chase,	2	0 00	•	00	2	00
Irving A. Chase,	2	2 99			4	99
George W. Cummings,	$\frac{2}{2}$	42			2	42
Andrew H. Covill,	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 02			4	02
James Covill,	$\frac{2}{2}$	2 02			2	00
Charles E. Clark,	2	2 15	22	27	26	42
Charles E. Clark Jr.	2	- 10	5	78	7	78
James Clark,	$\frac{1}{2}$			• •	2	00
Benjamin Crane heirs,	_			83		83
Peter L. Chase,	2	3 38	28	05	33	43
Thomas H. Chase,	$\frac{1}{2}$	42			2	42
Henry W. Clark,	2	1 44	7	21	10	65
Israel Chace,	2	58	6	80	9	38
William Caswell,	4	1 57	16	13	21	70
George W. Caswell,		1.03			1	03
Daniel Caswell,	2				2	00
Charles E. Carr,	2	1 48	11	14	14	62
Samuel H. Cudworth,	2	1 69	7	42	11	11
Calvin T. Crane,	2	10 56	17	74	30	30
John Cushing,	2	82		83	3	65
John F. Cushing,	2	6 19			8	19
Mrs. E. R. Clark,			3	51	3	51
Stephen H. Clark,	2	42			2	42
George S. Clark,	2	1 11	7	84	10	95
Samuel H. Clark,	2				2	00
Joseph H. Cummings,	2				2	00
Edgar E. Chase,	2	21			2	21
Albert B. Cummings,	2				2	00
John Croningshield,	2	25			2	25
George W. Crane,	2				2	00
Miles S. Dean,	2	1 44	11	55	14	99
Vernon L. Dean,	2				2	00
Clarence W. Dean,	2	62			2	62
Albert E. Dean,	2	1 24			3	24
Ebenezer Deans heirs,			19		19	06
Thomas C. Deans heirs,			18	03	18	03
Thomas F. Dean,	2	2 48	16	62	21	10
Hercules Dean,	2	1 98	18	85	22	83
Charles A. Davis,	2	1 32	8	66	11	98
James D. Dillingham,	2	1 11	14	77	17	88
Esther D. Dillingham,			3	30	3	30

Sophia P. D. Dillingham,			3 30	3 30
John Q. Dillingham,	2	3 63	28 30	33 93
Silas Downing,	2	21	3 30	5 51
Herbert A. Dean,	2	4 41	79 49	85 90
William Donaldson,	2	70	11 55	14 25
Robert Davidson,	2	17		2 17
Benjamin F. Dean,		- .	42	42
Charles G. Delano,	2	74	7 22	9 96
James C. Denning,	2			2 00
Isaac Ellis,	2			2 00
Magaret Ellis,	2		2 88	2 88
Rollin B. Eaton,	$\frac{2}{2}$	1 40	12 09	15 49
Theodore H. Eaton,	2	0.0*	10 50	2 00
Joseph R. Elsbree,	2	2 35	12 79	17 14
Jeremiah R. Elsbree,	2	0.5	11 ~~	2 00
William K. Evans,	2	95	11 55	14 50
Oliver E. French,	2	21	15 47	17 68
Charles W. Farmer,	2	1 03	9 90	12 93
Emily Farmer,	0	1 04	8 04	8 04
James C. French,	$\frac{2}{2}$	1 24	$\begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 54 \\ 4 & 95 \end{array}$	7 78 7 37
Timothy E. French, Isaac E. French,	$\frac{2}{2}$	42	4 95	$\begin{array}{ccc} 7 & 37 \\ 2 & 00 \end{array}$
Wid. Mary B. French,	2	21	1 24	1 45
Christopher P. French,	2	1 52	10 89	14 41
Phillip H. Fletcher,	$\frac{z}{2}$	9 08	10 09	11 08
Lewis P. Fletcher,	$\frac{2}{2}$	5 24	31 35	38 59
Everett French,	2	0 24	01 00	2 00
John Figot,	$\frac{2}{2}$			$\frac{2}{2} \frac{00}{00}$
Lewis Green,	2	2 68		4 68
Allen Gray,	4	25	10 11	10 36
Alexander T. Gray,	2	83	10 11	2 83
John H. Grinnell,	2	54	11 55	14 09
John Gidmark,	$\overline{2}$		2 48	4 48
Shadrach Hathaway,	_	42	10 44	10 86
Enoch S. Hathaway,	2	1 03	20 22	3 03
Enoch Hathaway, heirs,			1 24	1 24
Benjamin Hathaways, heirs,			4 13	4 13
Henry Hathaway,	2	9 47	14 69	26 16
Willard H. Hathaway,	2	70		2 70
Rebecca G. Hathaway,			21 20	21 20
Wid. Elizabeth J. Haskins,			18 98	18 98
David Hoxie,	2	1 94	20 54	24 48
Frederic M. Horton,	2			2 00

Henry Horton,	2					2	00
Cyrus Hathaway,	2	1	98	10	19	14	17
Sarah J. Hathaway,				1	65	1	65
Albert Hathaway,				2	88	2	88
Cyrus Haskins,	2		99			2	99
Cyrus Haskins, heirs,				6	93	6	93
Bradford G. Hathaway,	2	1	90	9	48	13	38
Peter Hathaways, heirs,				15	68	15	68
George A. Harmon,	2		95	6	19	9	14
Augustus R. Haines,	2			4	54	6	54
Henry A. Haines,	2					2	00
Clarence E. Haines,	2					2	00
Howard Haines,		1	03			1	03
- George F. Howard,	2		62		66	3	28
Russel Haskins,	2					2	00
Stephen Hathaway,	2	1	82	14	07	17	89
Charles R. Haskins,	2					2	00
Julius C. Haskins,	2	2	10	17	32	21	42
Malachi Haskins,	2		66	7	84	10	50
William W. Haskins,	2		21			2	21
John T. Haskins,	2					2	00
Elam R. Haskins,	2		87	9	08	11	95
Catharine Harrington,			25	6	19	6	44
Cornelius Harrington,	2				62	2	62
Jacob C. Haskins,	2		25			2	25
Lydia G. Haskins,			29	15	26	15	56
Fanny Haskins, heirs,				8	25	8	25
Sarah J. Hoard's heirs,				8	46	8	46
Isaac N. Horton,	2		87			2	87
Edward V. Hazard,	2		74			2	74
Thomas Hathaway,	2					2	00
Frederic Haskins,	2					2	00
George L. Hammond,	2		87	9	60	12	47
George W. Hatch,				7	42	7	42
Arthur Jones,	2		74			2	74
Giles L. Leach,	2	2	56	35	27	39	83
Harry S. Leach,	2					2	00
Obadiah Lawton,	2		45	11	14	13	59
William F. Lincoln,	2					2	00
Simeon W. Luther,	2		61			2	61
Margaret Luther,				7	42	7	42
Benjamin Luther,	2	1	11	14	36	17	47
Elmer Lane,	2					2	00

Horatio Lawton,	2			2 00
Frank S. Macomber,	2	4 95	4 95	11 90
James H. Macomber,	2	1 07	4 13	7 20
Horace Macomber,	2	2 43		4 43
Frederick Macomber,	2			2 00
Gideon H. Myrick,	2	1 11	11 55	14 66
John W. Meack,	2	83	4 33	7 16
Sarah C. Myrick,			16 83	16 83
Sarah C. Myrick, guardian,			3 71	3 71
Ebenezer Macomber,	2	29	11 26	13 55
Ebenezer Macomber, guardian,			2 06	2 06
Maria Macomber,		25		25
George W. Macomber,	2	3 09	24 75	29 84
Restcome Macomber,	2	13 73		15 73
Rufus B. Macomber,	2			2 00
James Maguire,	2	1 49	14 27	17 - 76
Lorenzo D. Millard,	2	10 64	44 71	$57 \ 35$
Restcome Macomber and				
Henry Brightman,			16 09	16 09
Edward A. Maguire,	2			2 00
William McCall,	2	86	4 95	7 81
Edward Moody,	2			2 00
William H. Maker,	2	62		2 62
Samuel Norcutt,			3 71	3 71
Samuel C. Norcutt,	2	42		2 42
George A. Norcutt,	2	83		2 83
Silas Norcutt,			7 83	7 83
Barnard Norcutt,		25	7 63	7 88
Betsey Newhall,			1 03	1 03
Francis Newhall,	2	1 69	19 22	22 91
Walter D. Nichols,	2	1 45	28 67	32 12
James Orr,	2			2 00
Horatio W. Peck,	2			2 00
Augustus F. Pierce,	2	1 65	13 20	16 85
James Pierce,	2	49 50	2 06	53 56
Jason Pittsley,	2	12	1 44	3 56
Everett E. Pieree,	2			2 00
Albert Pitts,	2	9 41	42 69	54 10
Thomas F. Pool,	.2			2 00
Samuel W. Phillips,	2		2 27	4 27
James F. Phillips,	2		8 25	10 25
Andrew .N Pierce, heirs,			5 49	5 49
Darius Phillips, heirs,		1 53	11 55	13 08
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Jeremiah W. Pierce,					74		74
Samuel S. Pierce,	2			3	05	5	05
Shepard Phillips,	2	1	03	2	47	5	50
Alfred Pierce,	2	1	65	10	73	14	38
Franklin Phillips,	2		83	6	80	9	63
Charles F. Phillips,	2					2	00
F. A. Paull's heirs,				18	97	18	97
Charles F. Paull,	$_2$					2	00
Thomas P. Paull,	2					2	00
Paull Bros.,		7	88	1	24	9	12
David R. Pierce heirs,				3	30	3	30
Elkanah Pierce,	2	15	80	28	54	46	34
Leonard S. Parker,	2		42			2	42
William H. Pierce,	2	43	40	12	00	57	40
Charles E. Pierce,				2	48	2	48
D. Benjamin Phillips,	2					2	00
Robert E. Pierce,	2					2	00
John A. Reed,	2		29	9	90	12	19
Otis E. Reed,	2					2	00
Asa W. Reed,	2			3	96	5	96
John F. Richmond,	2		62	8	25	10	87
David K. Richmond,	2					2	00
Wid. Stephen C. Ramsdell,				1	03	1	03
Apollos B. Reed,	2					2	00
Salmon Richmond, heirs,				10	72	10	72
Alonzo Reynolds,	2				83	2	83
William H. Smith,	2		91	5	36	8	27
Sinai Seekells, heirs,				5	77	5	77
Daniel D. Strange,		2	76	18	35	21	11
Noah H. Strange,	2					2	00
Noah H. Staange, trustee,			41				41
Thomas Stranges, heirs,		•		28		. 28	46
George P. Strange,	2	1	24		58	3	82
George A. Strange,	2					2	00
Maria J. Strange,			46		99	1	45
David T. Strange,	2	1	98	13	61	17	59
Ellery W. Strange,	2					2	00
Elam Staples,	2		25	•		2	25
Charles F. Staples,	2					2	00
Darius Sanford,				5	98	5	98
Charles A. Shaw,	2		83	5	36	8	19
David F. Strange,	2			1	24	3	24
Thomas L. Smith,	2		61	8	25	10	86

Joseph Staples,	2		37	8	25	10	62
Isaac Seymour,	2	2	22	19	63	23	85
Richard Seymour,	2					2	0.0
Thomas H. Seekell,	2	1	73	17	94	21	67
John S. Staples,	2	5	49	14	02	21	51
John F. Staples,	2					2	00
Seth F. Staples,	2		87	12	46	15	33
Timothy Staple,	2	1	07	13	20	16	27
Williams Simms,	2	4	74	12	37	19	11
William G. Simms,	2					2	00
Congregational Society,			10	6	19	6	19
John Smith,	2					2	00
Betsey C. Stone,		6	60			6	60
Charles F. Thrasher,	2	20	62			22	62
George L. Turcot,	2					2	00
Leander Terry,	2	1	40	13	40	16	80
Noah D. Thrasher,	2			7	83	9	83
Jonathan W. Thrasher,	2	22	15	21	86	46	01
Charles O. Thrasher,	2		66			2	66
Benjamin H. Thrasher,				3	10	3	10
John H. Thrasher,	2		54	5	77	8	31
John T. Townsend,	4		83	14	64	19	47
Nathaniel G. Townsend,	2	1	24	10	72	13	96
B. Emory Townsend,			99				99
Thomas Terry heirs,			41				41
Joseph W. Terry,	2					2	00
Zebadee Terry,	2					2	00
Edward E. Terry,	2					2	00
Eliphalet Terry,	2					2	00
Frank B. Terry,	2					2	00
Gustavus Tripp,	2			4	95	6	95
Cassius E. Vial,	2		99	10	93	13	92
Amanda Wilber,				1	07	1	07
George W. Westgate,	2	1	57	7	01	10	58
George H. Westgate,	2			3	71	5	71
Eli Wardell,	2		•			2	00
James B. Westgate,	2	1	24	9	49	12	73
Dean P. Westgate,	2	3	01	12	99	18	00
George E. Westgate,	2	:	20			2	20
Elijah Wilber,			61	6	39	7	00
Bildad Williams,	2		12	2	27	4	39
George Williams,	2		20			2	20
George F. Wilber,	2	1	11	22	69	25	80

Charles H. Williams,		2		41	7	42	9	83
Seth E. Williams,		2	1	03	12	79	15	82
Wid. Caroline Williams,					4	12	4	12
James E. Westgate,	1.0	2					2	00
James Wade,		2	1	61	15	47	19	08
Charles M. Wade,		2					2	00
William Whitmore, heirs,					7	01	7	01
Charles S. White,		4		74	9	70	14	44
Carlos E. Welman,		2					2	00
Theodore Wilber,		2	8	25		83	11	08
Arthur White,		2					2	00
Frederic Whitaker,		2		62			2	62
Edward E. Whitaker,		2		83			2	83
Adoniram J. Wilcox,		2	1	03	5	57	8	60

NON-RESIDENTS.

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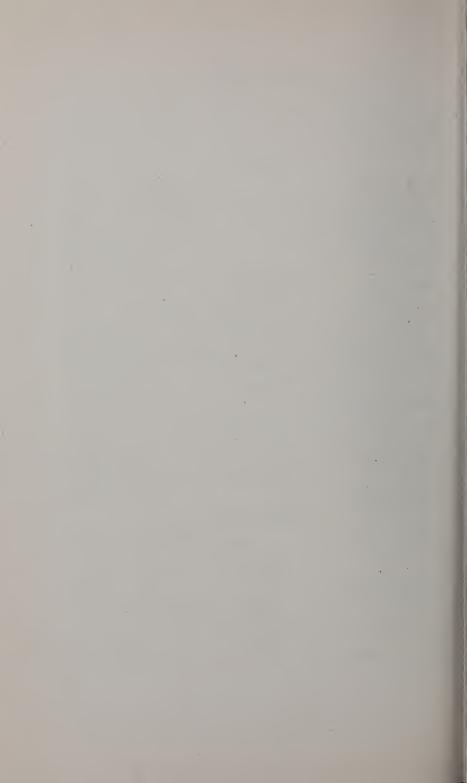
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Rufus Macomber,	personal, 2 64 real 35			
Nathan Clark,	•			5 48
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James H. Wade,			1	0 11
W. Morse,				7 42
J. F. Dean,			1	9 06
Charles F. Johnson,				4 54
W. Albert Haskins,				41
Edward P. Macomber,				2 48
David C. Dean,				4 25
James I. Dean,				3 09
Charles W. Padelford,				25
Isaac D. Fish,			;	3 30
William Burt,				2 48
Benjamin Burt,			;	3 30
Samuel B. Chace,				5 36
Anthony & Cushman,			;	5 36
David W. Dean,				3 04
Benjamin Norcutt,				1 03
Jacob Eldridge,				1 03
Geo. A. Field & others	,			8 25
Nelson Goff,				66

MICHOID HID OWN.			- 1
Enoch, Goff,			62
Edward W. Macomber,			83
Philip Williams,		1	
Sylvia Hathaway,			62
Enoch Hathaway, beirs,	3,		62
George Hart,			41
John W. Hart,		4	95
Edward O. Hart,		6	19
James E. Hart,		1	44
Lysander Hart,		1	44
Henry B. Macomber,		3	30
Samuel W. Macomber		4	
William F. Macomber,			41
Stephen Pierce,			21
Oliver A. Pierce,		1	03
William Price,		6	
David Padelford,			83
Elizabeth Padelford,			83
James Paull's estate,		4	13
Bernard Quigley's heirs		1	24
Alpheus Sanford heirs,		2	40
S. Williams, & others,		2	89
John E. Sanford,		1	65
Abraham Shores,		1	24
Martin Smith,			62
Lloyd Williams heirs,		2	48
George Williams,		6	60
James Wetherell,		4	54
Francis K. Williams,		21	45
A. White & Co.,		5	78
Jacob Phillips,		2	89
Job Hamer,		2	48
Lysander Soper,			41
James Gillespie,		1	24
Mary Haskins,		1	24
William W. French,		1	48
Elkanah Hathaway,		9	49
A. H. Williams,			41
Alexander E. Burt,			41
Abial B. Staples,		3	92
Israel French,		2	06
Wid. Alfred Paull,		4	13

FREETOWN.

Charles H. Briggs, Daniel H. Cudworth,	2	48 41
Hathaway & Evans,	2	06
Charles Eddy,		62
Jonathan Gurney, Charles E. Hathaway,	9	66 06
Joseph D. Hathaway,	7	
Thos. G. Nichols heirs,	1	24
Nichols & Sampson,		06
Gilbert M. Nichols, James Winslow,	4	13 03
John D. Wilson,	2	06
Apollos Webster,	15	
LAKEVILLE.		
Clothier Allens, heirs,	4	54
John Allen, John F. Allen,	13	50 20
Susan Strobridees, heirs,	3	
William Canedy,	2	
Cyrus O. Elms,	5	
Charles Farmer, Jerry Murphy,	3	66 71
Enos Pierce,	J	17
Abraham Pierce, heirs,		83
Job Pierce,		21
Amelia Paull, Ethan E. Pierce,	1	65 67
Henry C. Pickens,		74
James P. Pierce,	3	09
NEW BEDFORD.		
Daniel K. Andros, heirs,	13	
Charles D. Burt,		41
Ella R. Thomas, Samuel B. Hamblen,	2	41 48
Caroline Morse,	2	68
J. Augustus Brownell,	45	38
Samuel H. Whitmore,	12	79
PROVIDENCE R. I.		
William Seekell,		83
Jane Renches, heirs,	2	48

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Frank D. Chester,		36
Joseph W. Puffer, George Crowningshield,		98 95
Calvin T. Dean,	_	30
DIGHTON.		
Shove & Perry,	5	78
Charles N. Simmons,	-6	19
Noble S. Simmons, heirs,	5	36
Charles E. Whitmarsh, James C. Standish,		50 41
Edmund Chace and others,	9	90
Caroline Deans, heirs,		41
PORTSMOUTH, R. I.		
Abby Chase,	3	30
INDIANA.	,	0.4
Jonathan Crane,	1	24
Sumner Thompson,	4	30
CAMBRIDGEPORT.	0	0.0
John Crane's heirs,	9	90
Benjamin Chase,	12	99
BRIGHTON.		
Ambros Hathaway,	4	13
RAYNHAM.		
Enoch Sanford,	1	65
REHOBOTH.		
W. W. Baldwin,	9	07
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS.		
George W. Pierce,	2	48
JAMAICA PLAIN.		
Ellen Anderson,	2	06
FOXBORO.		
Simmons Winslow,	9	20
BOSTON.		
Old Colony R. R. N. B. Div.	33	00
NEWPORT.		
William B. King,	2	48



Report of the School Committee.

The school committee herewith respectfully present to the town of Berkley their Annual report.

According to the enumeration made by the assessors of the town there were 156 scholars between the ages of five and fifteen years, and 103 scholars between the ages of eight and fourteen years of age upon the first day of May last. The number of scholars of all ages attending the schools in town in the spring term was 142; during fall term 149; and during winter term 144. The number of scholars attending school during spring term was eleven over fifteen years of age, and three under five years of age.

At the fall term there were present over fifteen years of age, eleven, under five years, seven. And at the fall term there were eleven over fifteen and one under five years of age.

The per centage of attendance based upon average membership was 81. The attendance and consequently the average has been diminished on account of the prevalence of epidemic disease in several of the schools. In

one school there has been two suspensions. But we are happy to report that no fatal or serious results have occurred in any of the cases.

For the general outlook the efforts of the teachers have been fairly successful when aided by the influence and sympathies of the parents. When these were not extended the teacher is not wholly responsible for her failure. Every teacher has not the same personal magnetism nor the same administrative ability. All of the patrons of any school very rarely are fortunate enough to send their children to that teacher whom above all others they would prefer. But the judicious parents comprehend this situation, and when a teacher conscientiously and faithfully discharges her duty they sustain her authority and inculcate and instil into the minds of their children the beauty of obedience as well as the duty of it. Then will the teacher be encouraged, strengthened, and be able to accomplish much under adverse circumstances.

Let us all then be judicious parents, dismissing any prejudice as unworthy and under ordinary circumstances contribute our whole influence toward making the best of them and we may be surprised at the good accomplished thereby. Parents' visits to the schools accomplish much good. They encourage the teacher and scholar. They show to both that they have an abiding interest in the welfare of the school. It may also give a better understanding of the methods of the teacher, the difficulties she has to contend with, her unselfish devotion to the best interests of those committed to her care,

which cannot fail to create sympathy and perfect accord between parent and teacher that will be reflected upon the mind of the child by the school and home influence as well. We Submit these suggestions to all parents who have children, for their candid reflection.

In school No. 7 the teacher by her energy and enterprize purchased a parlor organ which has been paid for through school and other exhibitions aided by the voluntary and efficient services of some, and by the contributions of others of that locality, an accomplishment which reflects much credit upon all persons concerned therein. It is now the property of that school. May its chords be harmonious and instructive in the present and also in the distant future as well.

ROLL OF HONOR IN SCHOOL No. 7.

Names of scholars who were neither tardy or absent.

Spring Term.
S. Lena Farmer.
S. Lena Farmer.
Nellie M. Smith.
Theodore M. Anthony.
Walton W. Farmer.
Clifford M. Farmer.
Percy A. Haskins

Winter Term.
S. Lena Farmer.
Theodore M. Anthony.

Again we call the attention of the town to the condition of the outbuildings of school No. 2. Morality and

common decency demand that something should be done concerning them, as their present condition is a bad educator and we think the town can no longer withhold the instructions asked for in our report of last year without great culpability. And also we again call your attention to the need of a thorough remodeling inside of School house No. 4, together with an enlargement of the building so as to be in harmony with the other school houses in town. The seats are antiquated and very poor and it requires new desks, it being the only school house in town retaining the old wooden box seats. There have no repairs of importance been made upon this building since it became the property of the town. Meanwhile the patrons of this school have aided cheerfully to their full proportion in building or repairing every other school house in town. Since 1799 when Assonet Neck was annexed to and became a part of the town of Berkley it has been in various ways a source of income to the town. The income now from its Oyster Fisheries alone equals the sum raised by the town for the support of schools they naturally therefore think that they are entitled to as favorable consideration as other parts of the town. It is for the benefit of those who—in the future—will assume our responsibilities, that we plead. Let us do by them then, as we would have them do by us if conditions were changed.

Your committee in compliance with the Statute of 1884, chap. 153, sec. 1, which is as follows:—

"The School Committee of every city and town shall

purchase at the expense of such city or town, text books and other school supplies used in the public schools; and said text books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of said public schools free of charge subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the school committee may prescribe," contracted with Mr. H. A. Dickerman, of Taunton, to supply as above directed, as our schools from time to time needed—believing it to be more economical for the town than to purchase of the publishers of books and the manufacturers of supplies. We have supplied the various schools as follows:

School	No.	l.	\$21.44	
4.	No. 2).	\$11.00	
6.6	No. 8	}.	\$26.96	
6.6	No. 4		\$27.73	
6.6	No. 4	5.	\$8.35	
6.6	No. 6	.	\$11.15	
66	No. 7	.	\$31.75	
	To	tal,	*************	\$138.48

It is perhaps too early to form an opinon of the wisdom of this law—an experiment untried in this direction so far as we are aware. It truly makes the public schools, free schools, but there is an underlying principle or sentiment of the human mind which values not that which costs naught. Time and a careful and just observation of its practicability however will determine its wisdom and correct its defects if such exist. Parents must not forget that with all the auxiliaries furnished by the public schools, the Sunday school, and the religious influ-

ence available, the home influence and the home training is of the first importance in the moulding of the young's budding mind, for "as the twig is bent the tree inclines".

Truly a delightful task but as truly one of the gravest responsibility, one which is decisive of the future of the child, the future citizen, the future government, with all of its institutions, as well as that of the great untried future beyond the bounds of time.

Horace Mann, we think, once said "Two Divine ideas seem to have filled the great hearts of our Massachusetts fathers, their duty to God, and their duty to their children." Let us not be unmindful thereof.

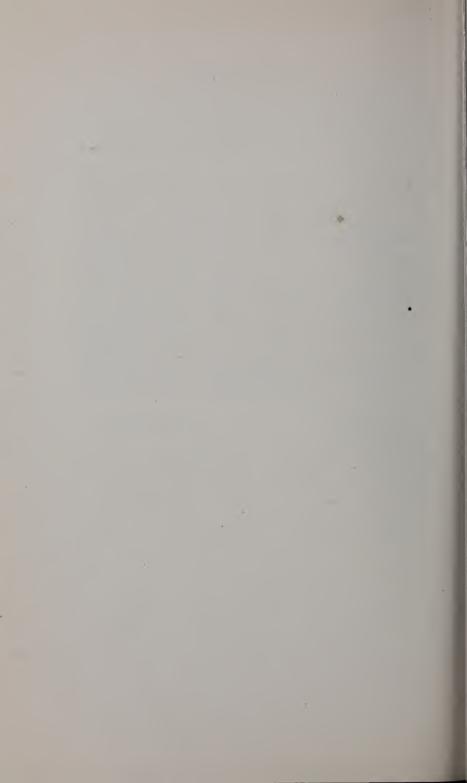
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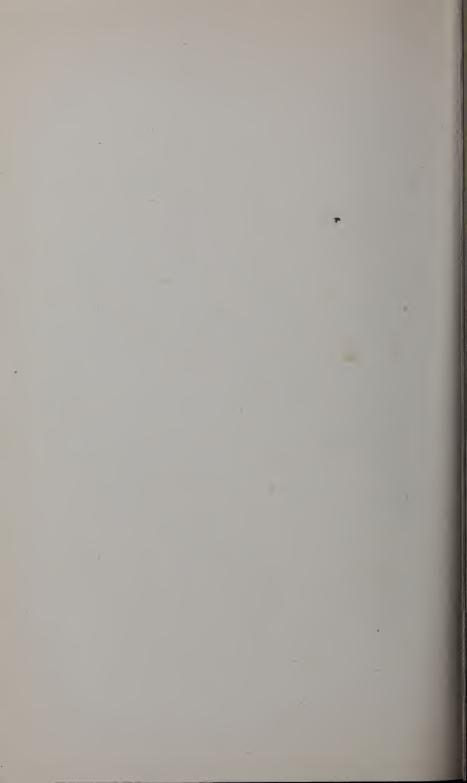
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EXPENDITURES.

Town grant,	\$1500.00	Teachers' wages,	\$1531.50
State fund,	309.04	Care of school houses,	24.00
Dog fund,	90.07	Cutting & housing wood	d 26.13
		Wood for all the School	ls 96.32
Total,	\$1,899.11	Total,	\$1677.95







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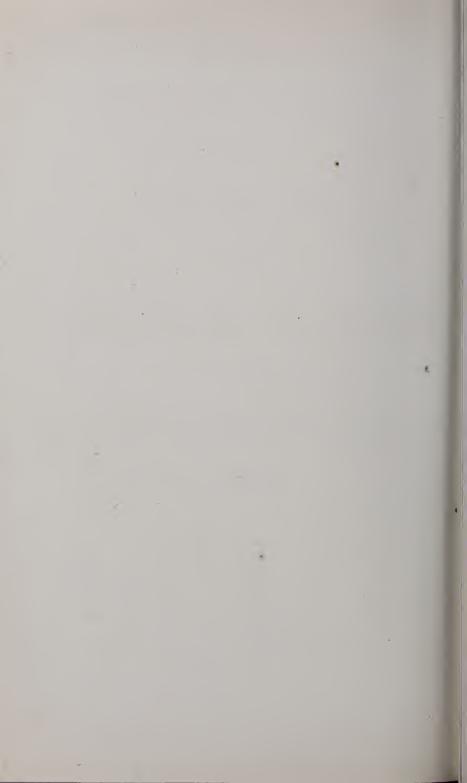
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REPORT

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Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

FOR 1885 AND 1886.

As our fiscal year is nearly to a close, we present you with the annual report in regard to the expenditures during the past year and the condition of things at the Town Farm at the present time. The Farm has been in the care of William J. Hirsch during the past year, who, ably assisted by his wife, has performed their duties in an economical and satisfactory manner. Upon a careful inspection of the premises we find a great improvement in the appearances of the Farm; cleanliness of the house and children; care and comfort of the inmates. In auditing his accounts we find he has given the Town credit for sundries he has sold to the amount of \$757.32, and has debited the town with money expended for grain, fertilizers and sundry articles, as per books for the Farm, and inmates in the sum of \$697.59, leaving the sum of \$59.73 in his hands, which sum with an order of \$10.27 on the

Town Treasurer cancels the balance of his salary for the year. If from the sum of his credits we take the cash received for two cows (\$76) and deduct the cost of "Tiger horse rake" (\$25.50) purchased by him, we get a more accurate statement of the balance from the Farm, which would be \$9.23. But as the Farm was so destitute of everything at the beginning of the year, it is almost impossible to find the actual expenses, as many things purchased will continue for a long time. We have engaged Mr Hirsch for another year for \$235, quite an advance over last year. In looking over the building we shall be compelled to fix the chimnies, and relay the floor in the porch and entry, and put new sills in the corn house, at a cost not to At the adjourned town meeting in April, exceed \$25. 1885, there was appropriated the sum of \$300 to be expended on the farm as the selectmen saw proper. that sum \$64 was expended for fertilizers used in laying down some four or five acres reseeded and for oats; \$51 for a new mowing machine; \$20 for relaying wing wall to barn; \$20 for a new range and ware; \$19 for painting the house, and the balance for clothing, lumber and sundries, making a total of \$250, approximate.

On March 23d the annual appraisal was made, and the following is the result:

APPRAISAL.

1 horse,	*	\$85 00
5 cows,		200 00
1/calf,		10 00
2 shoats, 30	•	17 00
4 1-2 tons English hay,	9/4 = 54.00	81 00
2 tons black grass,	42.= 1	24 00
1 lot corn stalks,		3 00

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1 maying mashing	45 00
1 mowing machine, 2 plows and cultivator,	12 00
1 harrow,	6 00
1 horse rake,	25 00
2 loafer and 3 hand rakes,	2 00
4 hay forks,	1 00
Leforks and 2 shovels,	75
1 harness,	2 50 20 00
2 ladders and stump hook, 200	2 00
1/whiffletree and wrench, 300	1 00
1 express wagon,	25 00
1 farm wagon,	25 00
Schains, sledge and iron bar, 5,00	4 00
1 horse sled,	6 00
1 grindstone,	1 50
2 scythes and snaths,	1 50
1-2 M shingles,	1 50
65 hens at 60,	39 00
12 cords wood prepared for use, 4500	60 00
2 horse blankets, whips and sundries, 5,00	5 00
2 saws, 2 axes and hatchet,	3 00
3 hoes,	75
29 bushels of market potatoes at 70,	16 10
6 bushels of small potatoes,	1 00
4 bushels of turnips,	1 60
25 lbs. family lard,	2 00
2 churns and clothes wringer 3 00,	8 00
2 new milk pails,	1 50
2 butter boxes and moulds. 5-0	50
21 milk pans, some new,	1 50
15 gallons' vinegar at 15,	2 25
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1	2 cider and 2 pork barrels,	2 00
	1 lot of pickles,	50
A	2 jugs and lantern,	1 00
~	Brushes, tubs and ferkins. 150	1 65
7	8 barrels ashes,	6 00
1	1 lot soap and fish,	1 25
	4 brooms,	60
1	Ybushels beans,	3 25
ď	1 lot pop corn,	1 00
	3 bushels rye,	2 25
	1 lot of corn,	3 50
	1-2 bushel rye meal,	35
	1 set of measures,	1 00
76	30 sacks, /55	1 50
	Oak plank,	50
	8 barrel and 9 pails,	3 00
	200 lbs. of farmers' pork,	17 00
3	Beds and bedsteads of doubtful value,	10 00
7	1 wash boiler and board,	1 75
	3 kettles and spider,	1 75
	2 baskets and clothes line,	1 75
	2 tea kettles,	75
	2 stoves and pipes,	18 00
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ß.	1 lamp, 9 towels,	1 00
19	1 doz. sheets,	5 00
	c ⁷ pair pillow slips,	1 75
5	7 comfortables,	8 75
	6 comfortables,	3 00
	1 pair steelyards,	75
	1 dripping pan,	40
	1 lot of flour,	2 50
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Salverile 500	
1 lot of sugar and tea,	80
1 lot of molasses,	60
Spices, &c.,	1 00
Tin and crockery ware,	7 00
Spilete Victioned Fe 400	
Total sum of appraisal,	\$857 10

From the total sum the amount of \$24 should be taken as the value of household goods found there April 1st, 1885, the rest of such goods having been purchased during the year.

The whole number of tramps fed and lodged over night during the year was 11. There were but 4 paupers on the farm for the whole year, John Hall having joined the silent majority in July, and the Norcut family was removed there in January. The present inmates are as follows:

John Westgate,	aged 60.
Michael Robare,	" 14.
Reuben A. Robare,	~ 10.
Mary L. Robare,	" 8.

Charles Norcut's wife and five children.

Highest number in the year of inmates, 11.

The following family and persons are assisted at the present time by the town:

The Simmons family, per month \$10.

Bradford and Henry Macomber, \$8.

Darius Sanfor per-week \$1.

The bills for medical attendance among persons assisted by the town are large compared with previous years, caused by the sickness and death of two wards of the town.

Berkley and Dighton bridge was repaired at a cost to our town of \$124 within the past year. The damages to our roads and bridges by the late flood has cost the town up to the present time \$125.

We trust the present liberal policy in regard to the land on our Farm will continue for a few years to bring it to a good condition, as it is capable of doing much more towards the support of our wards than at present.

In concluding, we must call your attention to the necessity for a new porch at the Farm in place of the present one as the old one is very cold, and not worth repairing, and the rooms as now arranged are unfit for the present number of inmates, and the prospect is not flattering for a less number from present indication.

CALVIN T. CRANE,
JAMES MAGUIRE,
CHARLES F. PAULL,
Selectmen
of
Berkley.

Preasurer's Report.

A. II. ALLEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BERKLEY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 30th, 1886.

RECEIVED.

From	Cash from last year,	\$505	08		
	H. C. Monroe (pedler's license).	3	00		
	City of Taunton, for board,	18	00		
	Hart, fish note,	75	00		
	City of Fall River, for Mrs. Albro,	24	00		
	Oyster note,	1,306	00		
	W D. Nichols, fish note,	. 80	00		
	Income of school fund,	308	89		
	Income of dog fund,	131	07		
	Corporation tax,	55	34		
	National bank tax,	717	98		
	State aid,	138	00		
	State aid, act 79,	27	00		
	Whole amount of taxes,	4,269	37		
	Uncollected taxes	• 104	36		
	Fall River, for Mrs. Albro,	72	00		
	Town of Freetown, corner stone,	3	66	•	
		•		\$7,838	75

PAID.

For town officers,	\$536 72	
Incidental expenses,	529 80	•
Poor farm,	220 00	
Schools,	1.406 35	
County tax,	419 75	
Poor out of alms house,	574 31	
Uncollected taxes,	304 08	
Highways,	1,298 72	
State tax,	390 00	
Discount on taxes,	391 95	
School house, Dis. No. 4,	443 96	
Fall River poor,	96 00	
Military aid,	94 00	
State aid,	132 00	
Cash in treasurer's hands,	1,001 11	
•		\$7,838 75
REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSE,	DIS. NO	• 4•
Daniel Haskins, laying stone,	\$7 50	
Calvin Belcher, digging and laying stone,	4 50	
Calvin Belcher, going to Assonet six times,	2 00	
Calvin Belcher, drawing sand and water,	2 50	
Joseph Cummings, nine days' labor,	13 50	
G. B. Williams, lumber,	122 46	
A. H. Andrews & Co., desks,	87 00	
F. R. Washburn, hardware,	10 04	
Crowell & Savery, hardware,	7 00	
W. D. Nichols, labor, board and teaming,	14 50	
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Henry Hathaway and others,	172 96	
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FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

A. H. Allen, Treasurer,	\$74 5°
John A. Read, Clerk of	Register, 6 oo

D. S. Briggs, School Committee,	38 18	
W. S. Crane, serving dog warrants,	6 00	
G. L. Leach, School Committee,	24 00	
Overseer of Town Farm,	105 00	
G H. Myricks, Assessor,	27 50	
C. T. Paull, Assessor,	21 25	
Hercules Dean, Assessor,	31 13	
John A. Read, miscellaneous,	17 10	
John A. Read, Clerk,	18 25	
C. M. Wade, serving dog warrants,	8 00	
C. T. Crane, Selectmen bill.	43 25	
Treasurer,	53 00	
C. T. Crane, School Committee,	20 46	
P. H. Fletcher, Selectmen bill,	43 10	
HIGHWAY SURVEY	YORS.	
District No. 1, A. H. Allen,	\$207 77	
District No. 2, G. W. Westgate,	184 11	
District No. 3, T. A. Briggs,	57 30	
District No. 4, G. E. Boyce,	143 01	
District No. 5, G. H. Babbitt,	104 34	
District No 6, W. F. Lincoln,	189 10	
District No. 7, C. M. Wade,	290 70	
BIG STORM, FEBRUARY,	1886.	
District No. 1, A. H. Allen,	28 28	
District No. 2, G. W. Westgate,	30 91	
District No. 4, G. E. Boyce,	13 01	
District No. 5, G. H. Babbitt,	26 72	
District No. 6, John H. Thresher,	3 55	
Repairing road back of church,	13 38	
Snow bill,	6 54	
	\$:	1,298 72

We, a committee having been appointed by the Town at their annual meeting to settle with the treasurer, A. H. Allen, having attended to that duty, will report the following:

We find that A. H. Allen has received in all the sum of seven thousand, eight hundred and thirty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, \$7,838.75.

The Treasurer has vouchers to the amount of six thousand, five hundred and thirty-three dollars and fifty-six cents, \$6,533.56.

Leaving the sum of one thousand and one dollar and eleven cents in the hands of the Treasurer in cash, \$1,001.11.

And uncollected taxes to the amount of three hundred and four dollars and eight cents, \$304.08.

Estimated bills due from the Town of Berkley on or before April 1st, 1886, nine hundred dollars, \$900 oo.

Bills due the town on or before April 1st, 1886: From City of Fall River, for poor, \$24.00; from Town of Lakeville, for pauper aid, \$4.00; from other sources estimated \$2400, and the following notes with the Treasurer: 10 notes for oyster beds, in amount, \$15,250.00; two notes for fish privileges, \$129.00.

Settled this 9th day of March, 1886.

CALVIN T. CRANE, Committee to settle GILES L. LEACH, With JOHN T. TOWNSEND, Treasurer.

A true copy—Attest:

A. HERBERT ALLEN, Treasurer.

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DISTRICT No. 1.

A. H. Allen, Surveyor.

Nelson Blynn,	\$7 35
John Cameron,	7 95
S. Albert Burt,	8 48
Edwin H. Allen,	. 18 97
Calvin T. Crane,	14 15
Hercules Dean,	16 50
Giles L. Leach,	19 50
A. H. Allen,	29 73
Albert Pitts,	7 00
W. H. Maker,	6 00
Bildad Williams,	13 58
Samuel Phillips,	18 98
John A. Read,	3 75
Martin Alden,	3 75
George Cummings,	2 25
Elijah Wilbur,	5 38
Joseph Cummings,	6 00
Andrew Briggs,	75
Bildad Williams,	3 25
Nelson Blynn,	2 60
A. H. Allen,	2 08
G. H. Bowers,	9 77
District No 1	February Flood.
Joseph Cummings,	\$3.65
John A. Read,	2 48
Otis E. Read,	1 24
Samuel Phillips,	2 28
George H. Swift,	2 28
George Cummings,	I 04
Henry Hathaway,	2 08
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Arthur Hathaway,

E. H. Allen,

Alvin Briggs,

Caleb Briggs,

Irving A. Chase,

Shepard Phillips,

Amasa Bowen,

William Babbitt,

George W. Westgate,

George W. Westgate, 80 loads of gravel at 3,

Nathan G. T. Bowen, .

1 04

11 10

1 50

6 00

1 95

3 00

3 00

1 50

16 80

2 40

28

A. H. Allen,	5 79	
Frederic Williams,	1 63	
Bildad Williams,	I 24	
S. Albert Burt,	I 24	
Hercules Dean,	1 60	
		\$28
Repairing road back of church,	\$13 38	
Snow bill,	6 54	
DISTRICT No. 2.		
George W. Westgate, Surveyor.		
Stephen Corey,	\$4 50	
Horace Macomber,	5 50	
Thomas T. Burt,	6 6 o	
Willie F. Westgate,	7 50	
George H. Westgate,	6 30	
Barnard Norcutt,	4 50	
Silas Norcutt,	4 50	
George A. Norcutt,	9 75	
Frederic Macomber,	6 75	
Asa Read,	3 00	
Charles Corey,	6 00	
James H. Macomber,	6 00	
Charles Macomber,	2 00	
Herbert A. Dean,	13 50	

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Herbert A. Dean, gravel,	3 99
Franklin Phillips, gravel,	ı 47
Alvin Briggs, gravel,	36
George W. Westgate,	26 39
George H. Westgate,	3 25
Willie F. Westgate,	4 55
Irving A Chase,	2 60
Carlos C. Welman,	1 95
Herbert A. Dean,	2 60
Irving A. Chase, gravel,	30
A. Boardman,	3 00
	\$184 11

District No. 2, February Flood.

Herbert A. Dean,	\$3 51
Charles Corey,	14 04
George A. Westgate,	2 73
George W. Westgate,	5 98
Herbert A. Dean, gravel,	3 15
Maria Macomber,	1 50
	\$30 91

DISTRICT NO. 3.

T. A. Briggs, Surveyor.

L. D. Millard,	\$11	25
I. Babbitt,	9	00
T. A. Briggs,	9	75
S. Covil,	8	40
R. H. Babbitt,		75
J. C. Crane,	2	10
Stephen Hathaway,	4	20
Cyrus Hathaway,	. 2	85
G. Myricks,	9	00
	PART	- \$57 30

DISTRICT No. 4.

George E. Boyce, Surveyor.

Peter L. Chase,	\$15 75	
John Boyce,	6 00	
Elisha Belcher,	1 50	
Calvin Belcher,	1 75	
B. G. Hathaway,	6 00	
Albert E. Dean,	3 13	
J. Q. Dillingham,	5 75	
J. D. Dillingham,	9 00	
W. D. Nichols,	10,50	-
George L. Hammond,	4 50	-
B. F. Coombs,	7 50	
Benj. Luther,	1 00	
John Grinnell,	3 25	
C. A. Davis,	2.25	
James Maguire,	6 2 5	
Charles Delno,	1 50	
L. B. Phillips,	4 00	
B. F. Chase, gravel,	I 12	
George E. Boyce,	22 50	
A. T. Gray,	10 00	
C. E. Chase,	4 38	
B. L. Phillips,	1 63	
George E. Boyce,	13 75	
		\$143 01
District No . February Flood		

District No. 4, February Flood.

Calvin Belcher,	\$2 30
Elisha Belcher,	1 30
W. H. Belcher,	59
A. E. Dean,	1 04
James D. Dillingham,	1 04
George E. Boyce,	3 50

1 97

3 64

2.56

2 32

1 30

52

91

2 99

George L. Hammond,	51	
John Boyce,	1 30	
T. H. Chase,	71	
C. E. Chase,	52	
P. L. Chase,	20	
•		\$13 01
District No. 5.		
Gideon Babbitt, Surveyor.		
A. W. Allen,	\$10 00	
Cyrus Haskins,	4 50	
N. H. Strange,	18 00	
Alfred Pierce,	8 59	
Willard Hathaway,	5 80	
S. W. Luther,	6 25	
Edward Terry,	5 80	
Frank Terry,	4 50	
Francis Richmond,	10 35	
G. P. Strange,	6 50	
David Strange,	3 45	
H. W. Clark,	2 00	•
Gideon H. Babbitt,	18 60	
•		\$104 34
* District No. 5, February Flood.	*	
R. B. Eaton,	\$2 72	
A. W. Allen,	2 72	

G. P. Strange,

N. H. Strange,

Henry Clark,

Alfred Pierce,

Clinton Briggs,

David Richmond,

Francis Richmond,

Job Briggs,

Willard Hathaway,

William H. Smith,

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2 60

Gideon Babbi	tt,	3 64	
		,	\$26 72
er .	DISTRICT No. 6.		
	William F. Lincoln, Survey	or.	
William F. Li	ncoln,	\$39 90	
John T. Town	isend,	15 60	
N. G. Townse	end,	16 05	
B. Emory To	vnsend,	7 05	
William Casw	ell,	7 80	
Joseph Staple	es,	. 727	
John Crownin	igshield,	3 30	•
John H. Thra	sher,	9 15	
Benj. H. Thra	asher,	1 50	
Chris. P. Frei	nch,	2 25	
Chris. P. Free	nch, 158 loads of gravel at 3,	4 74	
Charles A. Sl	naw,	9 15	
William H. C	ole,	2 55	
Dean P. West	tgate,	6.07	
Isaac Seymou	ır,	6 00	
Isaac Seymou	ir, 34 loads of gravel at 3,	1 02	
Israel Chase,		6 00	*
Israel Chase,	28 loads of gravel at 3,	84	
Wm Donalds	son, 16 loads of gravel at 3,	48	
Eli W. Ward	ell , `	4 50	
Philip H. Fle	tcher,	6 00	
Lewis P. Flet	cher.	3 45	
N. A. Furbus	h,	1 50	
	After July 1st, 13 cents per h	our.	
Lewis P. Flet	cher,	11 70	
Franklin Phil	lips,	1 95	
Franklin Phil	lips, 5 loads of gravel,	15	
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George A. Harmon,	1 30
Charles F. Phillips,	52
N. G. Townsend,	1 30
John T. Townsend,	1 56
B. Emery Townsend,	78
C. P. French,	4 42
Wm. Donaldson, 25 loads of gravel,	75
	\$189 10
District No. 6, February Flood.	
John H. Thrasher,	\$3 25
John H. Thrasher, 10 loads of gravel,	30
9	\$3 55
DISTRICT No. 7.	
Charles M. Wade, Surveyor.	
George W. Macomber,	\$25 65
Julius C. Haskins,	26 25
Julius C. Haskins, 72 loads of gravel at 3,	2 16
Seth F. Staples,	7 50
Jason Pittsley,	6 45
A. B. Reed,	2 25
James Wade,	8 00
Leander Terry,	7.50
Whitney Farmer,	8 25
Elam R. Haskins,	11 25
William Simms,	4 50
Charles S. White,	3 75
William W. Haskins,	75
Chester Briggs,	3 00
Elkanah Pierce,	12 45
Elkanah Pierce, 147 loads of gravel at 3,	4 41
Silas Downing,	6 00
John Cushing,	6 00
Charles F. Paull,	6 00

Cash Vial,	7 20	
Charles M. Wade,	24 51	
John Staples,	7 20	
George Clark,	6 00	
Augustus Pierce,	75	
John Meack.	6 00	
Wm. Donaldson, 39 loads of gravel at 3,	1 17	
Charles M. Wade,	28 30	
After July 1st, at 13 cents per	hour.	
Cash Vial,	5 72	
John Staples,	5 72	
John Meack,	3 51	
Leander Terry,	481	
Charles S. White,	4 16	
Marshall B. Williams,	481	
Elam R. Haskins,	6 76	
Charles F. Paull,	4 55	
Charles F. Paull, 37 loads of gravel at 3,	1 01	
George Clark,	3 90	
Silas Downing,	3 90	
Alonzo Reynolds,	2 60	
Ethan E. Pierce, 138 loads of gravel at 3,	4 14	
Henry Horton,	1 95	
		\$290 79

Estimate of damage done in District No. 7 by February flood between \$30 and \$40.

Valuation and Pax List.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 15TH, 1886.

By the Collector, A. Herbert Allen.

NAME.	Poll Tax.	Personal.	- Real.	Total.
Stephen B. Allen heirs,	\$4	\$6 59	\$25 48	\$32 07
Davis Allen heirs,	2	3 19	20 25	25 44
Jethro Ashley,	2	ı 68	10 24	13 92
Martin Alden,	2	1 96	12 74	16 70
Augustus Adams,	2			2 00
Benjamin Anthony,	2	32	9 56	11 88
Henry Anthony,	2			2 00
C. O. Abell,	2			2 00
Thomas Burt's heirs,			13 20	13 20
Wid. Caroline Burt,			2 50	2 50
Stephen A. Burt,	2	55	9 33	11 88
Daniel S. Briggs,	2	2 05	15 70	19 75
Caleb S. Briggs,	2	1 73	5 01	8 74
Andrew Briggs,	2		1 14	3 14
Charles Bissett,	2	1283	20 02	34 85
Caleb D. Babbitt,	2	64	4 10	6 74
William Babbitt,	2	7 5 1	23 66	33 17
William Babbitt and others,	h.		8 19	8 19
William Babbitt, guardian,			4 10	4 10
William Boyce,	2	23	7 96	10 19
Edward Babbitt heirs,			2 91	291
Simeon Briggs heirs,		50	15 02	15 52

Simeon Briggs,		2	4 10		6 10
Herbert F. Briggs,		2		0	2 00
Thomas A. Briggs,		2	4 10	9 78	15 88
John D. Babbitt heirs,			32	1183	12 15
Adoniram Babbitt, Rollin H. Babbitt,				I 14	I 14
Enoch B Babbitt,		2	I 23	13 65	16 88
,		2	5 55 2 18	22 07	29 62
Isaac Babbitt,		2 2		22 43	26 62
Gideon H. Babbitt,		2	46	2 73	5 19
Angeline Bassett,		2	36	13 20	13 56
John Boyce,		2	1 91	20 02	23 93
Elisha Belcher,		2	T 05	4 55	6 55
George E. Boyce,		2	1 05	18 43	21 48
Calvin Belcher,		2	46	3 19	5 65
William H. Belcher,		2	16	0.7	2 00
Lucy A. Briggs,			46	91	I 37
Chester I. Briggs,		2			2 00
Job D. Briggs,		2	0.8	. 80	2 00
Sarah Burt,			27	1 82	. 2 09
Thomas T. Burt,		2	2 73		4 73
Nancy Burt,			* #0	14 43	14 43
Alvin Briggs,		2	1 59	14 79	18 38
N. G. T. Bowen,		2	1 09	*17 75	20 84
Amasa W. Bowen,		2		-0	2 00
George H. Bowers,		2	7 14	18 20	27 34
Alfred Boardman,		. 2	4 23	21 39	27 62
Asa W. Bodfish,		2	68	6 0-	2 00
Lewis Bragg,			2.68	6 01	6 69
Nelson E. Blynn,		2	2 08 86	9 56	14 24
Richard W. Bliss,		2	00		2 86
Alden C. Babcock,		2			2 00
John Bramner,		2			2 00
Thomas Chaffee,		2			2 00
Abbie Chaffee,				2 73	2 73
John C. Crane,			55	18 20	18 75
William H. S. Crane,		2	I 77	11 98	15 75
Samuel Covill,		2	3 05	10 69	15 74
George W. Crane,	0	2		9	2 00
Sarah Crane,			T = 0	8 42	8 42
Adoniram Cummings,		0	1 59	1 73	3 32
Benjamin F. Coombs,		2	4 05	21 39	27 44
Margaret Crane,			1 46	19 91	18 07

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John Cameron,	2			2 CO
Abial B. Crane,		1 14	1174	1288
George Cummings,	2	191	7 74	11 65
Joseph T. Cummings,	2	14	7 28	9 42
Jason Cummings,	2	41	9 24	11 65
Barzillia Crane heirs,			6 83	6 83
Nathan G. Case,	2	1 09	9 78	1287
Charles Corey,	2	2 14	14 33	18 47
Stephen Corey,	2	7 28		9 28
Thomas G. Chase,	2			2 00
Irving A. Chase,	2	5 37		7 37
George W. Cummings,	2	68		2 68
Andrew H. Covill,	2	2 23		4 23
James Covill,	2			2 00
Charles E. Clark estate,		2 46	24 57	27 03
Charles E. Clark, Jr.	2	6 37		8 37
James Clark,	2			2 00
Benjamin Crane heirs,			91	91
Peter L. Chase,	2	2 37	30 94	35 3 ¹
Thomas H. Chase,	2	I 32		3 32
Charles E. Chase,	2			2 00
Henry W. Clark,	2	I 73	7 96	11 69
Israel Chase,	2	82	7 64	10 46
William Caswell,	2	ı 87	18 02	21 89
George W. Caswell,	2	1 14		3 14
Daniel Caswell,	2	•		2 00
Charles E. Carr,	2	1 50	ři 83	15 33
Samuel H. Cudworth,	2	10	8 19	11 10
Calvin T. Crane,	2	12 51	18 20	32 71
John Cushing,	2	91	91	3 82
John F. Cushing,	2			2 00
Mrs. E. R. Clark,		3 87		3 87
George S. Clark,	2	1 00	8 65	11 65
Samuel H. Clark,	. 2		5	2 00
Joseph H. Cummings,	2			2 00
Edgar E. Chase,	2	23		2 23
John A. Croningshield,	2	23	5 00	7 23
George H. Churchill,	2	3	J	2 00
Miles S. Dean,	2	191	12 74	16 65
Vernon L. Dean,	2	, ,	- 1-7	2 00
Clarence W. Dean,	2	10		2 91
Albert E. Dean,	2	1 37		3 37
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Ebenezer Dean heirs,			21 02	21 02
Thomas C. Dean heirs,			19 88	19 88
Thomas F. Dean,	2	2 50	18 34	22 84
Hercules Dean,	2	2 05	21 02	25 07
Charles A. Davis,	2	1 82	9 56	13 38
James D. Dillingham,	2	1 59	16 29	19 88
Esther D. Dillingham,		,	3 64	3 64
Sophia P. D. Dillingham,		3 64		3 64
John Q. Dillingham,	2	3 19	31 21	36 40
Silas Downing,	2	23	3 64	5 87
Herbert A. Dean,	2	6 23	83 58	9181
William Donaldson,	2	23	12 74	14 97
Benjamin F. Dean,		46		46
Charles G. Delano,	2	59	8 87	11 46
Isaac Ellis,	2			2 00
Margaret Ellis,			3 19	3 19
Rollin B Eaton,	2	191	13 47	17 38
Theodore H. Eaton,	2	46		2 46
Joseph R. Elsbree,	2	3 55	14 11	19 66
Jeremiah R. Elsbree,	2			2 00
William K. Evans,	2	1 05	12 74	15 79
Oliver E. French,		23	17 06	17 29
Charles W. Farmer,	2	91	10 92	13 83
Emily Farmer,			9 56	9 56
James C. French,	2	I 37	5 01	8 38
Timothy E. French,	. 2	46	5 46	7 92
Isaac E. French,	2			2 00
Wid. Mary B. French,		23	I 37	1 60
Christopher P. French,	2	1 18	8 37	11 55
Phillip H. Fletcher,	2	5 69		7 69
Lewis P. Fletcher,	2	5 96	34 58	42 54
Everett French,	2			2 00
Nelson A. Furbush,	2			2 00
Furbush & Read,	•	27	2 73	3 00
Lewis Greene,	2	1 59		3 59
Allen Gray,		23	11 15	11 38
Alexander T. Gray,	2	68		2 68
John H. Grinnell,	2	95	11 83	14 88
John Gidmark,	2	05	4 78	6 83
Shadrach Hathaway,		36	11 51	11 87
Enoch S. Hathaway,	2	I 14		3 14
Enoch Hathaway, heirs,			1 37	1 37

Benjamin Hathaway, heirs,			4 55	4 55
Henry Hathaway.	2	6 05	16 20	24 25
Willard H. Hathaway,	2	50		2 50
Rebecca G. Hathaway,			25 66	25 66
Wid. Elizabeth J. Haskins,			20 93	20 93
David Hoxie,	2	2 46	22 66	27 12
Frederic M. Horton,	2			2 00
Edward Horton,	2			2 00
Henry Horton,	2			2 00
Cyrus Hathaway,	2	2 05	11 24	15 29
Sarah J. Hathaway,			1 82	1 82
Albert Hathaway,			3 19	3 19
Cyrus Haskins,	2	1 05		3 05
Cyrus Haskins heirs,			7 64	7 64
Bradford G. Hathaway,	2	1 82	10 47	14 29
Peter Hathaway heirs,			17 29	17 29
George A. Harmon,	2	1 05	6 37	9 42
Augustus R. Haines,	2		5 00	7 00
Henry A. Haines,	2			.2 00
Clarence E. Haines,	2			2 00
Howard Haines,		1 14	91	2 05
George F. Howard,	2	68	73	3 41
Russel Haskins,	2			2 00
Stephen Hathaway,	2	1 77	15 52	19 29
Charles R. Haskins,	2			2 00
Julius C. Haskins,	2	2 05	18 20	22 25
Malachi Haskins,	2	96	8 65	11 76
William W. Haskins,	2	23		2 23
John T. Haskins,	2	91		2 9 1
Elam R. Haskins,	2	1 14	9 7 8	12 92
Catherine Harrington,		27	6 83	7 10
Cornelius Harrington,	2		68	2 68
Jacob C. Haskins,	2	32		2 32
Lydia G. Haskins,		55	16 84	17 39
Fanny Haskins heirs,			9 10	9 10
Sarah J. Hoard heirs,			10 92	10 92
Isaac N. Horton,	2	91		291
Edward V. Hazard,	2	I 37		3 37
Thomas Hathaway,	2			2 00
Frederic Haskins,	2			2 00
George L. Hammond,	2	96	10 51	13 47
George W. Hatch,		1 14	12 74	15 88

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Edward E. Haskin,	2			2 00
William Hirsch,	2			2 00
George Hathaway,	2	.6		2 00
Arthur Jones,	2	46	20 25	2 46
Giles L. Leach,	2	2 96	38 37	43 72
Harry S. Leach, Obadiah Lawton,		46	10.00	2 00
William F. Lincoln,	2 2	46	12 29	14 75
Simeon W. Luther,	2	14 68		2 14 2 68
Margaret Luther,	2	46	8 19	8 65
Benjamin Luther,	2	1 50	15 83	19 33
Frank S. Macomber,	2	16 34	5 92	24 76
James H. Macomber,	2	187		8 42
Horace Macomber,	2	2 73	4 55	4 73
Frederick Macomber,	2	2 13		2 00
Gideon H Myrick,	2	I 23	12 97	16 20
John W. Meack,	2	59	4 78	7 37
Sarah C. Myrick,	_	33	18 56	18 56
Sarah C. Myrick, guardian,			4 10	4 10
Ebenezer Macomber,	2	27	12 51	14 78
Ebenezer Macomber, guardian,			2 28	2 28
Maria Macomber,		27	5 00	5 27
Charles A. Macomber,	2	,	3	2 00
William A Munroe,	2			2 00
George W. Macomber,	2	3 23	27 30	32 53
Restcome Macomber,	2	14 79		16 79
Rufus B. Macomber;	2			2 00
James Maguire,	2	1 05	15 74	18 79
Lorenzo D. Millard,	2	9 00	49 32	60 32
Restcome Macomber and				
Henry Brightman,			17 75	17 75
Edward V. Maguire,	2			2 00
William McCall,	2	91	5 69	8 60
William H. Maker,	2	46		2 46
Samuel Norcutt Estate,			4 10	4 10
George A. Norcutt,	2	68		2 68
Silas Norcutt,		•	8 65	8 65
Barnard Norcutt,		32	8 42	8 74
Betsey Newhall,		•	91	91
Francis Newhall,	2	ı 82	21 20	25 02
Walter D. Nichols,	2	1 59	. 31 62	35 21
Horatio W Peck,	2			2 00

Augustus F. Pierce,	2	2 32	14 56	18 88
James Pierce,	2	59 15	1 82	62 97
Jason Pittsley,	2	9	I 59	3 68
Everett E. Pieree,	2	,		2 00
Albert Pitts,			47 09	47 09
Thomas F. Pool,	2			2 00
Samuel W. Phillips,	2		2 50	4 50
James F. Phillips,	2		9 10	11 10
Andrew N. Pierce heirs,			6 08	6 o8
Darius Phillips heirs,	*	1 77	12 74	14 51
Jeremiah W. Pierce,			82	82
Samuel S. Pierce,	2		3 37	5 37
Shepard Phillips,	2	1 14	2 73	5 87
Alfred Pierce,	2	191	1183	15 74
Franklin Phillips,	2	91	7 51	10 42
Charles F. Phillips,	2			2 00
Walter J. Phillips,	2	23		2 23
F. A. Paull heirs,			21 16	21 16
Charles F. Paull,	2			2 00
Thomas P. Paull,	2			2 00
Paull Bros.,		7 46	91	8 37
David R. Pierce heirs,			1 59	1 59
Elkanah Pierce,	2	16 88	31 03	49 91
Leonard S. Parker,	2	46		2 46
William H. Pierce,	2	43 27	13 24	58 51
D. Benjamin Phillips,	2			2 00
Robert E Pierce,	2			2 00
James Potter,	2			2 00
John A. Reed,	2	32	10 92	13 24
Otis E. Reed,	2			2 00
Asa W. Reed,	2		3 91	5 91
James S. Reed,	2			2 00
John F. Richmond,	2	91	9 10	12 01
David K. Richmond,	2			2 00
Wid. Stephen C. Ramsdell,			1 14	I 14
Apollos B Reed,	2			2 00
Alonzo Reynolds,	2	I 14		3 14
John D. Rose,	2		6 37	8 37
William H. Smith,	2	91	5 92	.8 83
Sinia Sekell heirs,			6 37	6 37
Daniel D. Strange,		3 09	20 25	23 34
Noah H. Strange,	2			2 00

Noah H Strange, trustee,				46	46
Thomas Strange heirs,				31 40	31 40
George P. Strange,		2	1 27	64	3 91
George A. Strange,		2			2 00
Maria J. Strange,			60	1 09	1 09
David T. Strange,		2	1 68	14 79	18 47
Elam Staples,		2	27		2 27
Charles F. Staples.		2			2 00
Darius Sanford,				6 60	6 60
Charles A. Shaw,	in .	2	1 05	6 37	9 42
David F. Strange,		2		1 37	3 37
Thomas L. Smith,		2	55 ·	9 10	11 65
Joseph Staples,			50	9 10	9 60
Isaac Seymour,		2	2 14	21 66	25 80
William Seymour,		2			2 00
Thomas H. Seekell,		2	1 73 7 fo	19 79	23 52
John S. Staples,		2	7 10	16 38	25 48
John F. Staples,		2			2 00
Seth F. Staples,		2	77	14 11	16 88
Timothy Staples,		2	1 18	14 56	17 74
Sumner N. Staples,		2			2 00
George W. Swift,		2			2 00
William Simms,		2	5 55	13 65	21 20
William G. Simms,		2			2 00
Congregational Society,				6 83	6 83
John Smith,		2			2 00
Betsey C. Stone,			6.83		6 83
Charles F. Thrasher, George L. Turcot,		2	36 40		3.8 40
George L. Turcot,		2			2 00
Leander Terry,		2	2 09	14 92	19 01
Noah D. Thrasher,		2		8 65	10 05
Jonathan W. Thrasher,		2	23 75	30 03	55 78
Charles O. Thrasher,		2	50		2 50
Benjamin J. Thrasher,			36	3 41	3 77
John H. Thrasher,		2	64	6 28	8 92
Andrew Tierman,		2			2 00
John T. Townsend,		2	91	15 70	18 61
Nathaniel G. Townsend,		2	1 50	1183	15 33
B. Emory Townsend,		2	68		2 68
Thomas Terry heirs,				46	46
Joseph W. Terry,		2			2 00
Zebadee Terry,		2			2 00

Edward E. Terry,		2			2 00
Eliphalet Terry,		2			2 00
Frank B. Terry,		2			2 00
Charles E. Terry,		2			2 00
Gustavus Tripp,		2		5 46	7 46
Cassius E. Vial,		2	1 41	12 06	15 47
Amanda Wilber,				ı 1 8	1 18
George W. Westgate,		2	1 64	7 74	11 38
George H. Westgate,		2		4 10	6 10
Eli Wardell,		2 *	32		2 32
James B. Westgate,		2	1 37	10 47	13 84
Dean P. Westgate,		2	3 32	15 24	20 36
George E. Westgate,		2	23		2 23
Elijah Wilber,			59	6 83	9 42
Bildad Williams,		2		2 50	4 50
George Williams,		2	23		22 3
George F. Wilber,		2	1 23	25 03	28 26
Charles H. Williams,		2 .	46	8 19	10 65
Seth E. Williams,		2	1 14	14 11	17 25
Wid. Caroline Williams,				4 55	4 55
Damon White,		2			2 00
James Wade.		2	2 23	17 06	21 29
Charles M. Wade,		2			2 00
William Whitmore heirs,	,			7 74	7 74
Charles S. White,		2	1 14	10 69	13 83
Carlos E. Welman,		2			2 00
Theodore Wilber,		2	9 10	91	12 01
Arthur White,		2			2 00
Frederic Whitaker,		2	68		2 68
Edward E. Whitaker,		2	1 96		3 96
Adoniram J. Wilcox,		2	64	3 73	6 37
Lyman Wade,		2		2 96	4 96

NON RESIDENTS.

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A. L. Bliss,	\$26 30
Rufus Macomber,	41 14
Nathan Clark,	6 00
George Seekell,	2 73
James H. Wade,	11 37
W. Morse,	8 19

J. F. Dean,				21 02
Charles F. Johnson,				5 00
W. Albert Haskins,				46
Edward P. Macomber,				2 73
David C. Dean,				4 23
James I. Dean,				3 87
Charles W. Padelford,				27
Isaac D. Fish,				3 64
William Burt,				2 73
Benjamin Burt,				3 64
Samuel B. Chace,				5 92
Anthony & Cushman,				5 92
David W. Dean,				8 65
Jacob Eldridge,				1 14
George A. Field and others,				7 28
Enoch Goff.				68
Edward W. Macomber,				3 91
Philip Williams,				46
Sylvia Hathaway,				68
Enoch Hathaway heirs,				68
George Hart,				46
John W. Hart,				5 64
Edward O. Hart,				6 83
James E. Hart,	,			. 1 59
Lysander Hart,				1 59
Henry B. Macomber,				3 64
Samuel W. Macomber,				5 46
William F. Macomber,				46
Stephen Pierce,				23
Oliver A. Pierce,				1 14
William Price,				7 28
David Padleford,				91
Elizabeth Padleford,				91
James Paull's estate,				4 10
Bernard Quigley heirs,				i 37
Alpheus Sanford heirs,		7		2 64
S. Williams, & others,				3 64
John E. Sanford,				1 82
Abraham Shores.				1 37
Martin Smith,				68
Lloyd Williams heirs,				2 73
George Williams,				7 28

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James Wetherell,			5 00
Francis K. Williams,			23 66
A. White & Co.,			6 8 ₇
Jacob Phillips,		•	3 19
Job Hamer,			2 73
Lysander Soper,			46
James Gillespie,			I 37
Mary Haskins,			I 37
William W. French,			1 64
Elkanah Hathaway,			10 47
A. H. Williams,			46
Alexander E. Burt,			46
Abial B. Staples,			4 32
Israel French,		£4	2 28
Wid. Alfred Paull,			4 55
Philip E. Williams,			23
Henry Shove,			9 10
	FREETOWN.		
Charles H. Briggs,			2 73
Daniel H. Cudworth,			46
Hathaway & Evans,			2 28
Charles Eddy,			68
Jonathan Gurney,			73
Charles E. Hathaway,			2 28
Joseph D. Hathaway,			8 46
Thos. G. Nichols heirs,			1 37
Nichols & Sampson,			2 28
Gilbert M. Nichols,			4 55
James Winslow, John D. Wilson,			1 14
Apollos Webster,			2 28
Apollos Webster,			15 79
C1 .1.1 4.11 1 1	LAKEVILLE.		
Clothier Allens heirs,			5 00
John Allen,			14 56
John F. Allen,			55
Susan Strobridees heirs,			3 64
William Canedy, Cyrus O. Elms,			2 96
Charles Farmer,			5.92
Jerry Murphy,			73 4 10
Enos Pierce,			18
23.000 2 10100,			20

Abraham Pierce heirs,		91
Job Pierce, Amelia Paull,	1	23 82
Ethan E. Pierce,		82
Henry C. Pickens,		23
James P. Pierce,		64
Jerry Murphy, Jr.	10	00
Henry L. Williams,	2	91
NEW BEDFORD.		
Daniel K. Andros heirs,	13	88
Charles D. Burt,		46
Ella R. Thomas,		46
Samuel B. Hamblen,		73
Caroline Morse, J. Augustus Brownell,		05
Samuel H. Whitmore,	~	05
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PROVIDENCE, R. I.		
William Seekell, Jane Renches heirs,	2	91
Frank D Chester,		73 42
Joseph W. Puffer,		28
DIGHTON.	·	
Shove & Perry,	6	37
Charles N. Simmons,		83
Noble S. Simmons heirs,		92
Charles E. Whitmarsh,	,	55
James C. Standish,		46
Edmund Chace and others,	5	46
Caroline Deans heirs,		46
PORTSMOUTH, R. I.		
Abby Chase,	3	64
INDIANA.		
Jonathan Crane,	I	37
· VERMONT,		
Sumner Thompson,	5	00
	3	
CAMBRIDGEPORT.		
John Crane's heirs,	10	92

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	BROCKTON.	
Benjamin F. Chase,		14 33
•	BRIGHTON.	
Ambros Hathaway,		4 55
	RAYNHAM.	
Enoch Sanford,		1 59
	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS.	
George W. Pierce,	•	2 73
	JAMAICA PLAIN.	
Ellen Anderson,		2 28
	FOXBORO.	
Simmons Winslow,		9 24
	BOSTON.	
Old Colony R. R. N	N. B. Div.	36 40
	NEWPORT.	
William R King		2 72

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. Report of the School Committee.

The Statute of this Commonwealth makes the duty of the School Committee to report annually to the town the condition of its several schools, and make such suggestions as would, in their opinion, conduce to make them more efficient in completing the important purposes for which they were established.

The number of schools 7. The whole number of scholars, between the ages of five and fifteen years, as found in the town on the first day of May last, by the Assessors, was 147; between the ages of eight and fourteen years was 105. The whole number of scholars of all ages, in attendance in all of the schools, during the spring term, was 143; average attendance 111, those over fifteen years 4, and under five years of age 4. The whole number of scholars of all ages, attending the schools during the fall term was 146, of which 5 were over fifteen years of age, and 5 under five years of age, the average attendance of fall term was 118. During the winter term 144 scholars were enrolled of all ages on the school registers, with an average attendance of 112, of which 14 scholars were over fifteen and 5 under five years of age, the whole

number of scholars enrolled during the year was 158, average attendance 130.

Our schools as a whole have during the past years, been reasonably successful, our teachers have proved themselves efficient in, and competent for the work before them. It was our aim to secure and employ only such teachers as had been trained in a professional school, or those whose experience in teaching had proved a success.

We regard only such teachers successful, in the best sense of the term, as train the mental and moral natures of the pupil in that way which best will accomplish the great ends for which the public schools were established, and they include that the teacher should be what he or she would have their pupils become. The success and usefulness of a teacher, depends vastly more upon what is known of the minds and natures of pupils in the school room, than upon what is known of books. Books are mainly the teacher's aid. Books made not a Franklin nor Dickens, but the wise use of the brain. Among the requisites for a teacher's success is a pleasant school-room, well arranged for comfort and convenience, and in addition thereto, suitable text books for all grades of scholars composing the school. A teacher then having a communicative tact or ability, aided by the united influence and sympathy of parents and committee, will rarely prove unsucessful.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The schools of the Commonwealth are State institutions. The State commands the schools to be supported. It requires the town authorities to provide the schools with competent teachers, and the teachers with suitable means for teaching; and it also requires that every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen shall annually cause such child to attend for at least twenty weeks some public school, and the attendance is required to be regular.

If the parents and guardians of our children and youth properly appreciated the favorable circumstances which are set before them for the furtherance of the mental development and moral training of the children, we firmly believe that their duty would be seen and their responsibility felt, a better attendance secured, the schools thereby made more successful, and the great object of our school system secured. When we consider the number of pupils registered in our public schools, and their average attendance, a fact presents itself that there is culpability somewhere.

SCHOOL MORALS.

Under the provisions of the statute on this point, every school teacher's attention is called *to the moral quality of the pupils' acts, and to guide them into and require of them a firm practice of every virtue. A reverence for parents and benefactors, the principles of justice, truth, sobriety and chastity should be instilled into the minds of the young during their school going days. "As the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

We regret, but we feel it our duty to make known in this our report, that in a few instances—we wish not to mention who nor where—profane and vulgar language has been practised. Our desire in the future is that all of our school scholars will be perfectly free from every practice, either in word or deed, tending to lower them in the estimation of teacher or schoolmate.

Our school children should be taught to respect

themselves, their parents, their teacher and their school. And as the teacher is the parent for the time being, it is expected that in school all legitimate instruction will be given. The system of manners as well as morals should hold an important place in the teachers' programme of school exercises.

SCHOOL STUDIES.

The branches taught in our schools—or rather attempted to be taught—are of such importance to the student that to be thorough is the only wise course to be pursued. A proper drill should be gone through with by the teacher until the subject matter or the lesson is understood and perfectly fixed in the pupil's mind.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school houses in our town exhibit clearly her appreciation of school education by the nicely looking and well arranged houses in which the teacher, parent and pupils can unite with pride to stimulate each the other in the very important work for which our school houses were erected. During the past year the school house in No. 4 has been enlarged and reseated at an expense of about \$500.

At the last annual town meeting the town voted to erect a new school house in No. 2, thereby manifesting a munificent spirit in favor of our common school instruction, which is of no small importance in this community.

Before concluding this report, it is befitting that we should pay a tribute of respect to our departed Chairman, the Hon. Walter D. Nichols, who was for a long series of years a successful teacher of children and youth in our public schools, and as a member of our school board he for many years stood first. He was a man of

genial nature, and deeply interested in the mental and moral culture of the young. And surely as a citizen, neighbor and friend none was more esteemed, possessing the confidence of the community. In his death the town has lost a famous citizen. He was generous and unselfish, and the principles which he inculcated will live, though their brilliant exponent has fallen.

Berkley, March 31st, 1886.

D. S. BRIGGS, 'School Committee CALVIN T. CRANE, School Committee of Berkley.

No. of School.	TEACHERS' NAMES.	No. of Terms.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Enrollment for the year.	Over 15 years of age.	Under 5 years of age.	Between 8 & 14 years of age.	Length of Term in months.	Wages per month.	Amount Paid.
	(Julia R. Burt,	1	21	18 8	17 8		2	0	12	$2\frac{1}{4}$	\$28	63
1	} "	2	18	16	14 4	25	1	0	11	$2\frac{1}{2}$	28	70
	("	3	18	16 4	14 5		2	0	12	$3\frac{1}{2}$	28	98
	(M. A. B. Wilbur.	1	36	28 8	25 7		1	1	24	$2\frac{1}{4}$	28	63
2	{ "	2	36	31 8	29 3	36	3	1	20	$2\frac{1}{2}$	28	70
	(3	38	32 1	27 8		5	1	22	31	28	98
	Eunice B. Peirce,	1	14	13 2	11 6		1	0	10	$2\frac{1}{4}$	28	63
3	3	2	13	10 5	10 2	15	0	0	9	21	28	70
		3	15	14 3	12 9	1	1	0	12	31	28	98
	Mattie Capen,	1	18	13	11	0.1	0	1	11	$\frac{2\frac{1}{4}}{1}$	26	$45\frac{1}{2}$
4	Marg't. A. Walker, Mabel T. Ashley.	$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\ 3 \end{vmatrix}$	$\frac{19}{23}$	18 20	17 17 6	21	0	1	[3		28	63
	(Madel I. Ashley,	1	13	13	12	1	1	1	14		26 20	$\frac{100}{45}$
5	Nellie R. Strange,	0	13	11 6	9 5	16	0	$\frac{2}{2}$	$\begin{vmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \end{vmatrix}$	$ \begin{array}{c c} 2\frac{1}{4} \\ 2\frac{1}{2} \end{array} $	20	50
•	1	3	15	14 5	12 4		2	2	7	$\frac{42}{3\frac{1}{2}}$	24	84
1	(Almira F. Haskins,	1	15	15	12 4		0	0.	10	$\begin{vmatrix} 3_{\overline{2}} \\ 2_{\overline{4}} \end{vmatrix}$	28	63
6	Allina F. Haskins,	$\frac{1}{2}$	18	15	12	18	0	1	13	$\frac{24}{2\frac{1}{2}}$	28	70
0)	3	15	14	8 4		1	0	10		28	98
	(Anna F.Cummings		27	22 9	20		0	0	18	$\begin{vmatrix} 3_2 \\ 2_{\frac{1}{4}} \end{vmatrix}$	28	63
7	L. D. Gayron,	2	30	26 7	24 2	27	1	0	21	$\frac{24}{21}$	28	70
	()	3	22	20 5	17 6		2	0	14	$ \frac{1}{3} ^{2}$	28	98

RECEIPTS.

EXPENDITURES.

Town grant,	_	Teachers' wages, \$1542 50
State fund,	308 89	Care of school houses, 30 00
Dog fund,	131 07	Cutting and housing
		wood,* 28 00
	\$1739 96	Wood for all the schools, 85 75

^{\$1686 25}



ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Berkley,

TOURSELLER WITH A

VALUATION AND TAX LIST.

TOR THE TEAR DUDING FEBRUARY 150%, 1867.

FRIGHTIN AT THE EPSTOR OF C. H. BULFINGTON, 1887.



TREASURER'S

REPORT,

For Year Ending Feb. 15, 1887,

TOGETHER WITH A

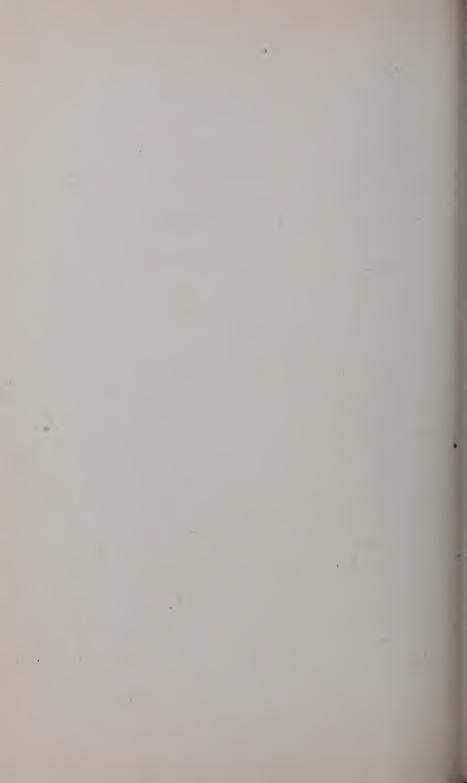
LIST OF TAXES

FOR 1886-7

OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY.

TAUNTON, MASS:
PRINTED AT THE OFFICE OF C. H. BUFFINGTON,
1887.



Mreasurer's Report,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15TH, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, April 1st, 1886,	\$1,001	ΙI
Two Fish Notes,	129	00
One Oyster Note,	1,525	00
Corporation Tax,	111	39
National Bank Tax,	768	32
State Aid,	188	00
Dog Fund,	137	27
School Fund,	309	87
State, County, and Town Tax,	5,052	92
Received of A. H. Allen, Uncollected Taxes	, 304	08
Use of Town Hall,	12	00
Use of Myrick's Hall,	42	00
One Horse,	35	00
City of Fall River,	48	00
Cartridges,	I	83
Town of Lakeville,	4	00
Auctioneer's License,	2	00

\$9,671 79

TOWN OFFICERS.

C. T. Crane, Selectman, C. F. Paull, "	\$48 25 28 95
James Maguire, "	20 95
C. T. Crane, School Committee,	28 38
B. F. Coombs, " "	12 38
R. H. Babbitt, " "	15 75
G. H. Myrick, Assessor,	25 50
Hercules Dean "	27 50
A. E. Dean "	13 75
J. A. Read, Town Clerk,	20 45
N. H. Strange, Treasurer and Collector,	100 00
T. H. Seekell, serving dog warrant,	5 00
W. D. Nichols, S. Committee 1885.	17 15
Peter L. Chace, Selectman, 1885.	10 25
D. S. Briggs, S. Committee, 1885.	37 75

\$412 36

EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS.

Julia R. Burt, Tea	chei	гзТ	Cerms,	\$224 00
Nellie R. Strange,	4.6	66	"	192 00
Mabel T. Ashley,	44	66	"	182 00
E. D. Gayson,	66	2	" 4 weeks	, 154 00
Elmira Haskins,	4.6	I	66	98 00
Eunie R. Pierce,	66	2	"	161 00
M. A. B. Wilbur,	66	44		126 00
Laurilla Alden,	6.6	I	ü	. 54 00
Mary E. Gray,	::	44	66	42 00
A. J. Lants,	"		"	70 00
Florence Crocker,	66	4 W	veeks,	24 00
C. H. Macomber,	buil	lding	fires,	3 50
W. A. Strange,		66	"	. 3 50
G. E. Thresher,		66	66	3 50

Edmund Alden, building fires,	3 50	
J. W. Grinnell, " "	3 75	
Rollie Babbitt, " "	3 50	
C. M. Farmer, " "	5 95	
J. W. Grinell, sawing wood	1 13	
J. T. Townsend, for 1-2 cord wood,	1 75	
B. F. Dean, sawing " " "	75	
Hercules Dean, wood,	2 00	
Paull Bros., 7 ft wood,	3 2 8	
" 4 I-2 " "	2 10	
G. L. Leach, 2 cords 2 ft. wood,	8 68	
B. F. Dean, sawing wood,	3 75	
T. T. Townsend, wood,	7 80	
A. G. Caswell, sawing wood,	1 31	
Francis E. Briggs, " "	4 75	
J. F. Richmond, 2 cords "	7 60	
Hercules Dean, 6 1-2 cords oak wood,	24 38	
" " 3 " pine "	12 00	
J. T. Cummings, sawing 2 ft. wood,	50	
B. F. Dean, sawing wood,	4 50	
B. B. Caswell, " "	3 75	
W. A. Strange, " "	7.5	
E. E. Terry, " "	3 75	
W. M. Davis, " "	4 32	
J. D. Dillingham, wood,	9 30	
W. H. Pierce, "	15 10	
B. F. Dean, sawing wood,	2 25	
D. D. White " "	4 30	
J. T. Townsend, wood,	2 93	
A. L. Hathaway, setting glass,	1 55	
, , , , , ,		\$1,488 48

H. A. Dean lot,

NEW SCHOOL No. 2.

\$200 00

George Westgate, labor underpinning,	53 00	
Gove & Westgate, building house,	1,191 00	
George Westgate and others, grading lot,	320 99	
Dighton Furnace Co., 1 stove	10 00	
A. H. Andrews, furniture,	98 00	
Timothy E. French, labor on schoolhouse,	9 63	
N. G. Case, " "	41 25	
W. S. Babbitt, pipe, zinc &c.	I I 2 I	
		\$1,935 08
STATE AID.		
C. C. Wellman and Wife,	\$76 00	
Mary E. Smith,	44 00	
Bildad Willams,	16 50	
		\$126.50

MILITARY AID.

B. F. Dean,	\$52 00
	\$52 00

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Mrs. C. E. Albro,	\$32 00
Simmons Family,	120 00
Bradfor & Henry Macomber,	70 50
Addie Robare,	11 00
Darius Sanford,	44 00
E. E. Chace,	8 87
Hiram Atwood,	14 75

Frederick French, C. H. Norcut's family,	193 04	
Received from Fall River, Due from Town of Dighton,	\$32 00 8 87	496 41
Due Hom Town of Digiton,		40 87
Balance, poor out of Almshouse,		\$455 54
NEW ROAD ASSONET N	ECK.	
George E. Boyce,	\$11 25	
James Maguire,	11 50	
F. R. Washburn,	3 00	
G. L. Hammond,	3 50	
C. F. Paull,	3 00	
A. E. Dean,	2 55	
		\$34 80
MISCELLANEOUS BIL	LS.	
Wm. Hirsch,	\$10 27	
A. H. Allen, To error in credit to Town,	1 00	
Frank S. Macomber, sign boards,	1 75	
Staples & Phillips, 4 lbs. rope,	64	
B. F. Coombs, settling with Treasurer, 1885.	1 00	
P. L. Chace, two cows,	70 00	
J. T. Townsend, settling with Treasurer,	I 00	
J. A. Read, stock and labor on blackboards,	29 66	
" carting furniture from Taunton,	1 50	
H. A. Dickerman, books and mdse. 1885,	140 87	
G. B. Williams, lumber,	9 36	
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36 00

C. H. Buffington, printing reports,
" "notices,

J. C. Standish, tending R & D bridge 3 mos.	20	62
" cash for damage to sloop Bristol,	, 3	00
Sylvester Grant, damage falling through bridge,	40	00
W. L. Presbrey hardware,	10	69
E. Belcher, painting house, Town Farm,	4	00
G. W. Caswell, horse,	35	00
W. H. Fox, legal advice on highway,	4	00
N. G. Case, labor on schoolhouse No. 3.	6	00
" lime, team, hire &c.,	26	50
C. H. Whitney, records, certificates &.,	3	50
G. L. Leach, settling with Treasurer,	1	00
S. W. Luther, labor on wheels,	7	00
A. E. Dean, for posts,	3	78
Wm. Hirsch, services on Town Farm,	75	00
John A. Read, labor and paint schoolhouse		
No. 5,	12	84
Sanders & Buffington, sundries,	4	10
Charles Low, chandelier and fixtures,		50
John A. Read, hanging chandelier and car fare		
T. A. Briggs, repairs on schoolhouse No. 3 1885		
Henry Hathaway, work, Town Farm and nails,	14	43
Henry Hathaway, work schoolhouse No. 6,		
boards, &c.,		25
Hercules Dean, express, postage and stationery		18
" collectors book,		33
J. T. Cummings, cutting bushes,		80
C. T. Crane, painting schoolhouse No. 5,	1	50
" settling with Treasurer 1884-5-6,		00
Willard Hathaway, painting schoolhouse No. 5,	. I	75
P. H. Fletcher, labor on schoolhouse No. 6,	41	00
	170	35
Taking care fish Middleboro,	20	00
H. A. Dickerman, books &c.	_	04
F. M. Ambrose, books,	36	40

J. H. Thrasher. 2 days ploughing Town Farm,	7 0	00
L. B. West, mdse.	17 5	7
H. L. Davis, painting guide boards,	r8 c	00
Crowell & Savory, paint and paper Town		
Farm,	100	5
Staples & Phillips, cement,	40	00
Dighton Furnace Co., stove,	100	00
State Tax,	75	00
N. G. Case. labor on Town Hall,	119	0
chimney,	3 0	00
" " Town Farm and buildings,	17 (95
H. M. Simmons lumber and nails,	2	· ·
J. C. Standish, tending B & D bridge 9 mos.	618	36
J. A. Read, recording deaths, births, and		
marriages,	12 (95
E. Macomber, labor on buildings,	3 -	•
G. H. Myrick copying for Collector,	7 3	
C. F. Paull, sundries,	I	
H. A. Dickerman, books,	76:	
Di m	, 72 (
A. H. Allen, discount on taxes 1883-4-5.	21	
C. T. Crane cash paid out,	13 (
Sinkage on Taxes,	16	v
Abatement of Taxes,	6 :	30
T. A. Briggs and others, labor in Dist.		ĺ
No. 3, 1885,	26 :	2.2
C. M. Wade and others, labor in Dist.		
No. 7, 1885,	18 1	I I
		- \$2,428 77
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LIST OF TAXES SUNK.

Clinton L. Briggs,	\$2 00
Thomas Chaffee,	2 00

Daniel Caswell,				2	60	
Howard Haines,				2	00	
Harry S. Leach,				2	00	
Alonzo Millard,				2	00	
Wm. H. Macomber,					00	
Philip A. Strange,					00	
i milp it. Octange,				_	00	\$16 00
				-		310 00
SN	OW .	BIL	LS.			
C. M. Wade and others, a	1885-6	Dist.	No. 7	. \$7	48	
T. A. Briggs " "		••	3	3, 15	08	
G. S. Clark " "	1886-7	٠.	7	, 12	15	
A. H. Allen " "			٠٠ '	, 7	-	
G. H. Myrick " "					90	
N. H. Strange " "			_		65	
sg.		•		,,		\$54 06
****			. T. T. T.	67.77.0		#34 00
HIGHWA	IY AN	(D E	BRID	GES.		
Di	ISTRICT	No.	Ι.			
J. T. Cummings, 50 hour	s horse	eo h	ours	\$15	00	
S. A. Burt.	.,	45	"	Ĭ.	75	
C. T. Crane, 8 "		30				
Bildad Williams, 50 "		30			70	
					50	
Elijah Wilbur, 29 "		1			35	
" 52 load					55	
Otis Read, 50 hour	rs, hors	e 8 II	ours,		70	
·· · · gravel,				2	91	
D. S. Briggs, 5 hour	s,				75	
E. H. Allen, 35 hours	s, horse	35 h	ours,	10	60	
John Cameron, 35 "	'	31	++	9	90	
Nelson Blynn, 30 "	66	30	• 6	9	00	
Hercules Dean, 10 "	6.	10	••	3	00	
G. L. Leach, 15 "	**	30	+ 6	6	75	
George Cummings,		5			75	
		3			, 0	

Samuel Phillips, 20 hours,	3 00
A. H. Allen and men, 263 hours, horse 120	
hours,	57 45
E. H. Allen, 38 hours,	5 70
" horse 35 hours,	5 25
Joseph Cummings, 11 hours,	1 65
Samuel Phillips 56 hours,	8 40
Otis Read, 19 hours, horse 11 hours,	450
" " 23 loads of gravel,	69
George Cummings, 5 hours,	75
A. H. Allen and men, 72 hours, horse 57 hours,	22 35
Elijah Wilbur, 36 loads of gravel,	l og
Hercules Dean, 78 loads of gravel,	2 34
C. T. Crane, labor,	50

\$203 87

DISTRICT No. 2.

Horace Macombe	r, 20	hours,	\$3 00
G. A. Norcutt,	45	"	6 75
C. C. Wellman,	15	"	2 25
Caleb Briggs,	25		3 75
Shepherd Phillips	, 20 .	"	3 00
George H. Westga	ite. 25	44	3 75
George W. Westg	ate, 25	"	3 75
Willie Westgate,	35		5 25
Alvin Briggs,	27 1-2	"	+ 13
H. A. Dean,	137	"	20 55
Miles Dean,	80	**	12 00
Seth Williams,	120	*6	18 00
Asa Reed,	10	"	1 50
Louis Bragg,	7	*6	1 05
T. T. Burt,	192	**	28 80
H. A. Dean, 2	og loads o	f gravel,	6 27

Louis Bragg,	209 loads	of gravel,	6 27
Joseph Cummings	5, 52	hours	7 80
James Clark,	40	"	6 00
Charles Corey,	40	"	6 00
Stephen Corey,	20	"	3 00
Irving Chace,	39 loads	of gravel, '	1 17
Wm. Babbitt,	67	hours,	10 05
T. T. Burt,	10	66	1 50

\$165 59

DISTRICT No. 3.

Thomas A. Briggs, labor,	\$1050
" " chestnut posts and rails,	7 52
Enoch B. Babbitt, labor,	6 00
Rollin H. Babbitt, "	12 00
Caleb D. Babbitt, "	6 00
" " 56 loads of gravel,	τ 68
William H. S. Crane, labor,	8 70
George W. Crane, "	7 50
Samuel Covill, "	6 75
Andrew J. Gidmark, "	3 00
Stephen Hathaway, "	6 75
Cyrus Hathaway, "	6 75
Clarence Haines, "	5 25
Arthur Jones, "	1 50
Lorenzo D. Millard, "	18 00
G. H. Myrick, "	28 75
" spikes,	48
Charles O. Thresher, labor,	12 00
Samuel H. Cudworth, "	4 50
Edward E. Whitaker, "	3 00
Bertie Bassett, "	1 50

George H. Bowers, 63 loads of gravel. G. H. Myrick and others,	1 89 15 05	Ø4
		\$175 07
District No. 4.		
James Maguire, Albert E. Dean, Charles E. Chase, George E. Boyce, Charles E Carr, Charles A. Davis, John Grinnell, Calvin Belcher, John Boyce, """ gravel, Elisha Belcher, Calvin Belcher, J. D. Dillingham. Estate of W. D. Nichols, B. F. Coombs, George L. Hammond, James Maguire, George E. Boyce, D. B. Phillips. John Boyce,	\$2 50 + 45 5 25 14 85 3 00 2 75 3 75 1 75 35 6 00 1 52 1 50 3 82 9 00 7 50 9 00 5 10 9 45 20 90 13 50 + 77	\$130 71
District No. 5.		
Simeon Luther, 12 hours, Cyrus Haskins, 35 " Baylies Eaton, 40 "	\$1.80 5.25 6.00	

Gideon Babbitt,	40	"		6 00
Henry W. Clark,	37	"		5- 55
gr	avel,			92
Edward Terry,	30 h	ours,		+ 50
David T. Strange,	55	4.6		8 25
Job D. Briggs,	30	66		1 50
Alfred Pierce,		"		7 90
" " grave	1,			3 33
George A. Strange,	10 h	ours,		1 50
J. F. Richmond.	20	66		3 00
Albert Allen,	60	66		9 00
George P. Strange,	30	44		4 50
P. A. Strange,	20	66		3 00
Frank Terry,	20	"		3 00
N. H. Strange,	127	"		19 05
Albert Allen, drills,	,			25
N. H. Strange,	30 h	ours		4 50
N. H. Strange and	other	s,		7 65
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DISTRICT No. 6.

\$109 45

C. P. French,	245	hours	\$36 75
John T. Townsend,	165	46	24 75
B. Emory Townsend	, 85	66	12 75
N. G. Townsend,	131	. 6	19 65
Joseph Staples	50	6.	7 50
Charles A. Shaw,	20	66	3 00
Lewis P Fletcher,	60	44	9 00
George A. Harmon,	20	"	3 00
Eli W. Wordell,	30	46	4 50
John Crowningshield	1, 25	"	3 75
William Caswell,	87	1-2 "	13 12
Benj. H. Thrasher,	10	"	1 50

Philip H. Fletcher,	10	"	I	50
Franklin Phillips	75	"	1.1	25
William Donaldson,	39 load	ls gravel,	1	17
Dean P. Westgate,	64 1-2	hours	9	67
Arthur White.	TI	46	I	65
John H. Thrasher,	30	"	4	50
Israel Chase,	20	"	3	00
Isaac Seymore,	42	" 7 lo	ads gravel, 6	51
Thomas H. Seekell,	45	"	6	75
Nelson A. Furbush,	20	65	3	00
William H. Smith,	10	"	I	50
George H. Hatch,	34 load	ls gravel,	I	OI
C. P. French and of	hers,		7	53

\$198 31

DISTRICT No. 7.

Julius Haskins,	\$12 00
John Meack,	9 00
Leander Terry,	6 00
Charles White,	7 80
Elam Haskins,	14 63
William Sinms,	4 50
Ebenezer Macomber,	1 95
Silas Downing,	4 50
Alonzo Reynold,	3 00
John Cushing,	10 13
Whitney Farmer,	9 75
Appolar B. Reed,	1 50
Adroniram Wilcox,	1 50
John Staples,	11 00
Cash Voial,	11 00
Charles Paull,	9 00
Charles Wade,	10 50

Chester Briggs,				1 50
George W. Macom	ber,			10 50
Seth Staples,				6 00
Elkney Pierce,				9 00
Elisha Williams,				12 00
Jason Pitsley,				4 50
Balus Eaton,				1 20
Huldah Staples,				6 00
Malica Haskins,				4 50
Orin Atwood,				3 00
I. N. Horton,				3 00
Fred Horton,				150
Edward Horton,				150
George S. Clark,				54 40
Charles Paull	16 l	oads	gravel,	48
George Strange,	30	"	"	90
Elkney Pierce,	360	"	44	10 80
Elbridge Pierce,	92	"	"	2 76
Julius Haskins,	13	"	"	39

\$261 69

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Receipts,		\$9,67 r 79
Paid on account, Miscellaneous Bills,	\$2,428 77	
Schools,	1,488 48	
New Schoolhouse,	1,935 08	
Pauper Aid,	496 41	
Town Officers,	412 36	
State Aid,	136 50	
Military Aid,	52 00	
New Road,	34 80	
Snow Bills,	54 06	

Roa	d Bill	Dist.	No.	Ι,	203 87	
"	"	"	66	2,	165 59	
"	"	46	44	3,	175 07	
"	"	"	"	4,	130 71	
u	"	"	"	5,	109 45	
G	"	"	"	6,	198 31	
"	"		"	7,	261 69	
Uncollected Taxes,					245 19	
Balance in hands of T	reasu	rer,			1,143 45	
						\$9,671 76

NOAH H. STRANGE,

Treasurer and Collector of Berkley.

The undersigned, elected at a Town Meeting, held April 10th, 1886, to settle with the Treasurer, have this day attended to that duty and submit the following report. We find his debits and credits accurate and properly vouched for.

Cash received from all sources to date, (\$9,671.79,) nine thousand six hundred and seventy-one and seventy-nine one-hundred dollars. Of which sum (\$8,283.15) eight thousand two hundred and eighty-three and fifteen one-hundred dollars has been expended up to date. Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hand of (\$1,143.45) of eleven hundred and forty-three and forty-five one-hundred dollars in cash, and two hundred and forty-five nineteen one-hundred dollars of uncollected taxes.

The Treasurer has in his hands— Nine Oyster Notes of \$1,525 each, total, Two Fish Notes to the amount of

\$13,725 00 106 00

Settled this 15th day of February, 1887.

AMOS HERBERT ALLEN,) CALVIN T. CRANE, to settle with JOHN T. TOWNSEND, Treasurer.

A true copy—Attest.

N. H. STRANGE, Treasurer.



List of Maxes

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15TH, 1887.

NAME. Stephen B. Allen's heirs, Amos H. Allen,	Poll Tax.	Personal. \$3 47	Real. \$30 80	Total. \$34 72
Edwin H. Allen,	2			2 00
Albert W. Allen,	2	3 85	24 48	30 33
Jethro Ashley,	2	ı 38	12 38	15 76
Martin Alden,	2	2 15	15 40	19 55
Augustus Adams,	2			2 00
Benjamin Anthony,	2	39	11 55	13 94
C. O. Abell,	2			2 00
Orrin H. Atwood,	2	I 2 I	00 11	14 21
Thomas Burt's heirs,			15 95	15 95
Caroline Burt,			3 03	3,03
Stephen A. Burt,	2	66	11 28	13 94
Daniel S. Briggs,	2	2 70	18 98	23 68
Caleb S. Briggs,	2	1 98	17 33	21 31
Andrew J. Briggs,	2		1 38	3 38
Charles Bissett's estate,		16 23	2420	40 43

Bertha C. Crane,			5 50	5 50
Caleb D. Babbitt,	2	2 09	4 95	9 04
William Babbitt,	2	9 08	28 60	39 68
William Babbitt and others,			8 25	8 25
William Babbitt, guardian,			4 95	4 95
William Boyce,	- 2	1 10	9 63	12 73
Edward Babbitt's heirs,			. 138	1 38
Simeon Briggs,	2	5 83	18 15	25 98
Herbert F. Briggs,	2			2 00
Thomas A. Briggs,	2	3 36	15 95	21 31
John D. Babbitt's heirs,			14 30	14 30
Adoniram Babbitt,			1 38	1 38
Rollin H. Babbitt,	2	I 65	16 50	20 15
Enoch B. Babbitt,	2	2 17	26 68	34 57
Isaac Babbitt,	2	5 89	22 99	26 26
Gideon H. Babbitt,	2	2 00	3 58	7 67
Angeline Bassett,		44	15 ' 5	16 39
John Boyce,	2	2 20	24 20	28 40
Elisha Belcher,	2		5 50	7 50
George E. Boyce,	2	1 27	22 28	25 55
Calvin Belcher,	2	55	3 85	6 40
William H. Belcher,	2	33	0 0	2 00
Lucy A. Briggs,		33	55	88
Job D. Briggs,	2	28	30	2 28
Clinton L. Briggs,	2			2 00
Chester I. Briggs,	2			2 00
Sarah Burt,		33	2 20	2 53
Thomas T. Burt,	2	3 30		5 30
Nancy Burt,		3 0	17 33	17 33
Alvin Briggs,	2	1 65	17 88	21 53
N. G. T. Bowen,	2	1 16	22 00	25 16
Amasa W. Bowen,	2			2 00
George H. Bowers,	2	7 81	22 00	3181
Alfred Boardman,	2	7 21	25 85	35 06
Lewis Bragg,	2	83	9 46	12 29
Nelson E. Blinn,	2	2 15	11 83	15 98
A. L. Bliss,	2	4 40	28 33	34 73
John D. Bramner,	2	T T-		2 00
Thomas Chaffee,	2			2 00
Abby Chaffee,	_			3 30
,				0 0 -

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John C. Crane,		55	20 35	20 90
Wm. H. S. Crane,	2	1 65	14 48	18 13
Samuel Covel,	2	3 47	1265	18 12
Sarah Crane,			1018	10 18
Adoniram Cummings,			I 82	1 82
Benjamin F. Coombs,	2	4 13	26 13	32 26
Margaret Crane,		. 171	20 08	21 79
John Cameron,	2			2 00
Abial Crane,		83	14 19	15 02
George Cummings,	2	2 26	9 90	14 16
Joseph T. Cummings,	. 2	55	8 80	·11 35
Jason Cummings,	2	72	11 28	14 00
Barzillai L. Crane's heirs,			8 25	8 25
Nathan G. Case,	2	1 32	1183	15 15
Charles Corey,	2	1 43	17 33	20 76
Stephen Corey,	2	8 80	, ,	1080
Thomas G. Chase,	2	99		2 99
Irvin A. Chase,	2	5 06		7 06
George W. Cummings,	2	83		2 83
Andrew H. Covell,	2	2 42		4 42
Charles E. Clark's estate,		2 92	29 70	32 62
Charles E. Clark, Jr.,	2		7 70	9 70
James F. Clark,	2		• •	2.00
Benjamin Crane's heirs,			I IO	I IO
Peter L. Chase,	2	6 44	37 40	45 84
Thomas H. Chase,	2	• • •	0, 1	2 00
Charles E. Chase,	2			2 00
Henry W. Clark,	2	99	9 08	12 07
William Caswell,	2	2 00	21 78	25 87
Israel Chase,	2	94	9 2 4	12 18
George W. Caswell,	2	1 38	, ,	3 38
Daniel Caswell,	2	- 3-		2 00
Charles E. Carr,	2	1 65	1 + 30	17 95
Samuel H. Cudworth,	2	1 10	9 90	13 00
Calvin T. Crane,	2	15 29	22 28	39 57
John Cushing,	2	1 10	I 10	4 20
Mrs. E. R. Clarke			4 68	4 68
George S. Clark,	2	1 21	10 45	13 66
Joseph H. Cummings,	2		10 43	2 00
John A. Crowningshield,	2	28	6 05	8 33
James de la constante de la co	~	20	0 03	0 33

Coorgo W. Crano	2			
George W. Crane, Albert B. Cummings,	2			2 00
Miles S. Dean,	2	2 2.	22.10	2 00
Vernon L. Dean,	2	2 31	23 10	27 41
Albert E. Dean,	2 2	2.55		2 00
Ebenezer Dean's heirs,	ے	2 75	25 41	4 75
Thomas C. Dean's heirs,			25 41	25 41
Thomas F. Dean,	7	2.70	24 04	24 04 26 87
Hercules Dean,	2 2	2 70	22 17	29 89
Charles A. Davis,	2	2 48 2 04	25 41	
James D. Dillingham,	2		11 55	15 59
Esther D. Dillingham's estate,	۷	1 49	19 69	23 18
Sophia P. D. Dillingham,			4 40	4 40
John Q. Dillingham,	2	3 69	4 40	4 40
Silas Downing,	2	28	37 73 4 40	43 42 6 68
Herbert A. Dean,	2	6 88	96 36	105 24
William Donaldson,	2	61	15 40	18 01
Benjamin F. Dean,	2	01		
Charles G. Delano,	2	4.4	55 10 73	13 17
R. K. Edwards,	2	44 1 10	9 90	13 00
Isaac Ellis,	2	1 10	9 90	2 00
Margaret Ellis,	_	28	3 85	4 13
Rollin B. Eaton,	2	2 20	16 23	20 43
Theodore H. Eaton,	2	55	10 23	2 55
Joseph R. Ellsbree,	2	5 00	17 05	24 05
Jeremiah R. Ellsbree,	2	3 00	17 03	2 00
William K. Evans,	2	1 05	15 40	18 45
Charles W. Farmer,	2	4 40	13 20	19 60
Emily Farmer,	_	77	11 55	11 55
James O. French,	2	1 65	6 05	9 70
Timothy E. French,	2	55	6 60	9 15
Mary B. French,	_	28	ı 65	1 93
Christopher P. French,	2	I 43	10 12	13 55
Philip H. Fletcher,	2	1183		13 83
Lewis P. Fletcher,	2	7 28	41 80	51 08
Everett French,	2	,		2 00
Nelson A. Furbush.	2			2 00
Furbush & Reed,		88	3 58	4 46
E. S. Fletcher,	2		- 0 0	2 00
Allen Gray's estate,		28	11 83	12 [1
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John H. Grinnell,	2	I 2 I	14 30	17 51
Andrew J, Gidmark,	2		7 70	9 70
Shadrack Hathaway,			13 92	13 92
Enoch S. Hathaway,	2	1 10		3 10
Enoch Hathaway's heirs,			1 65	1 65
Benjamin Hathaway's heirs,			5 50	5 50
Henry Hathaway,	2	11 44	19 58	33 02
Willard H. Hathaway,	2	28		2 28
Rebecca G. Hathaway,			31 57	31 57
Elizabeth J. Haskins,			25 30	25 30
David Hoxie,	2	2 97	27 39	32 36
Frederic M. Horton,	2			2 00
Henry H. Horton,	2			2 00
Edward Horton,	2			2 00
Cyrus Hathaway,	2	2 42	13 59	18 01
Sarah J. Hathaway,			2 20	2 20
Albert Hathaway,			3 85	3 85
Cyrus Haskins,	2	1 32	0 0	3 32
Cyrus Haskins' heirs,			9 24	9 24
Bradford G. Hathaway,	2	2 20	12 65	16 85
Peter Hathaway's heirs,			20 90	20 90
George A. Hannon,	2	1 16	7 70	10 8 6
Augustus R. Haines,	2		6 05	8 05
Henry A. Haines,	2		· ·	2 00
Clarence E. Haines,	2			2 00
Howard Haines,	2	1 38	I 10	4 48
George F. Howard,	2	83	5 83	8 66
Russell Haskins,	2	Ü	3 0	2 00
Stephen Hathaway,	2	2 20	19 03	23 23
Charles R. Haskins,	2		, 0	2 00
Julius C. Haskins,	2	1 82	22 00	25 82
Malachi Haskins,	2	т 16	10 73	13 89
William W. Haskins,	2	83	, 0	2 83
John T. Haskins,	2	3		2 00
Elam R. Haskins,	2	1 27	11.83	15 10
Irvine F. Haskins,	2	,		2 00
Cornelius Harrington,	2		83	2 83
Catherine Harrington,		44	8 25	8 69
Jacob C. Haskins,	2	39	3	2 39
Lydia G. Haskins,		39	19 25	19 64
		39	19 23	-9 04

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Emma Humphrey,			5 50	5 50
Fanny Haskins' heirs			11 00	00 11
Sarah J. Hoard's heirs,		0.0	13 20	13 20
Isaac N. Horton,	2	38		2 88
Edward V. Hazard,	2			2 00
Thomas N. Hathaway,	2			2 00
Frederic Haskins,	2			2 00
George L. Hammond,	2	99	12 10	15 09
George M. Hatch,	2	88	15 68	18 56
William Hirsch,	2			2 00
Lewis L. Hall,	2	1 65		3 65
Arthur Jones,	2	44		2 44
Giles L. Leach,	2	2 97	47 03	52 00
Obadiah Lawton,	2	50	14 85	17 35
William F. Lincoln,	2			2 00
Simeon W. Luther,	2	1 10		3 10
Benjamin Luther,	2	1 93	19 14	23 07
Henry J. Legge,	2			2 00
Harry S. Leach,	2			2 00
Frank S. Macomber,	2	21 78	7 15	30 93
James H. Macomber,	2	2 26	5 50	9 76
Horace N. Macomber,	2	3 30		5 30
Frederic Macomber,	2			2 00
Gideon H. Myrick,	2	1 16	15 68	18 84
John W. Meack,	2	55	5 78	8 33
Sarah C. Myrick,			22 44	22 44
Sarah C. Myrick, guardian,			4 95	4 95
Ebenezer Macomber,	2	39	15 13	17 52
Ebenezer Macomber, guardian,			2 75	2 75
Maria Macomber,		33	6 05	6 38
George W. Macomber,	2	3 85	36 85	42 70
Restcome Macomber,	2	17 88		19 88
Rufus B. Macomber,	2			2 00
William A. Munroe,	2			2 00
James Maguire,	2	1 60	18 70	22 30
Lorenzo D. Millard,	2	10 89	59 62	72 51
Restcome Macomber and H.				
Brightman,			21 45	21 45
William McCall,	2	1 2 I	6 80	10 09

William H. Maker,	2	1.4		2.44
Alfonzo Millard,	2	44		² 44 ² 00
William H. Macomber,	2			2 00
Samuel Norcutt, Estate,			4 95	4 95
George A. Norcutt,	2	83	4 93	2 83
Silas Norcutt,		93	10 45	10 45
Barnard Norcutt,		33	10 18	10 51
Betsey Newhall,		00	1 10	1 10
Francis Newhall's Estate,		28	23 98	24 26
Walter D. Nichols' Estate,		2 20	38 23	40 43
Horatio W. Peck,	2			2 00
Augustus F. Pierce,	2	2 70	17 60	22 30
James Pierce,	2	72 82	2 20	77 02
Jason Pittsley,	2	11	1 93	4 04
Albert Pitts,			56 93	56 93
Thomas F. Poole,	2			2 00
Samuel W. Phillips,	2		3 03	5 03
James F. Phillips,			11 00	11 00
Everett F. Phillips,	2			2 00
Andrew N. Pierce's Heirs,			7 35	, 7 35
Darius Phillips' Heirs,		1 93	15 40	17 33
Samuel Pierce,	2		5 06	7 06
Shepard Phillips,	2	1 38	3 30	6 68
Walter J. Phillips,	2	28		2 28
Alfred Pierce,	2	1 93	14 30	18 23
Franklin Phillips,	2	1 10	9 08	12 18
Charles F. Phillips,	2		0	2 00
F. A. Paull's Heirs,			25 58	25 58
Charles F. Paull,	2			2 00
Thomas P. Paull,	2	6.0		2 00
Paull Brothers,		6 82	1 10	7 92
David R. Pierces' Heirs,			3 85	3 85
Wid. David R. Pierce,			1 93	1 93
Elkanah Pierce,	2	20 30	37 51	59 81
William H. Pierce,	2	52 66	16 00	70 66
D. Benjamin Phillips,	2			2 00
Robert E. Pierce,	2			2 00
Frank J. Perry,	2			2 00
Herbert A. Perry,	2	- 0		2 00
John A. Reed,	2	28	13 20	15 48
Otis E. Reed,	2			2 00

Asa W. Reed,	2		4 73	6 73
John F. Richmond,	2	1 10	11 00	14.10
David K. Richmond,	2			2 00
Wid. Stephen C. Ramsdill,			1 38	1 38
Apollos B. Reed,	2			2 00
Alonzo Reynolds,	2	1 10		3 10
James S. Reed,	2			2 00
John D. Rose,	2	28	8 25	10 53
Millard F. Rogers,	2			2 00
William H. Smith,	2	1 10	7 15	10 25
David T. Strange,	2	1 76	17 88	21 64
Daniel D. Strange,		3 85	24 48	28 33
Noah H. Strange,	2			2 00
Thomas Strange's Heirs,			37 95	37 95
George P. Strange,	2	1 10	77	3 87
George A. Strange,	2			2 00
Maria J. Strange,				I 32
Phillip A. Strange,	2			2 00
Elam Staples,	2	33		2 33
Clarrissa Staples' Heirs,			5 50	5 50
David F. Strange,	2		1 65	3 65
Charles A. Shaw,	2	I 32	7 70	II 02
Thomas L. Smith,	2	72	11 00	13 72
Joseph Staples,		61	11 00	11 61
Isaac Seymour,	2	I 43	26 18	29 61
Thomas H. Seekell,	2	1 21	23 93	27 14
John S. Staples,	2	787 -	20 19	30 06
John F. Staples,	2			2 00
Sumner N. Staples,	2			2 00
Seth F. Staples,	2	88	17 05	19 93
Huldah T. Staples,		1 10	17 93	19 03
William Simms,	2	5 50	16 50	24 00
William G. Simms,	2			2 00
Congregational Society,			8 25	8 25
John Smith,	2			2 00
Michael Sullivan,	2			2 00
Betsey C. Stone,		8 64		8 64
George H. Swift,	2			2 00
George H. Swift, Charles F. Thresher's estate,		55 00		55 00
George L. Turcot,	2			2 00
Leander Terry,	2	2 04	18 04	22 08

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Noah D. Thresher,	2	1 38	10 45	13 83
Jonathan W. Thresher,	2	29 10	36 85	67 95
Charles O. Thresher,	2	77		2 77
Benjamin H. Thresher,			4 13	4 13
John H. Thresher, John T. Townsend,	2	I 2 I	7 59	10 80
John 1. Townsend,	2	I 10	20 08	23 18
Nathaniel G. Townsend,	2	1 27	14 30	17 57
B. Emory Townsend,	2	1 32		3 32
Wid. Thomas Terry,		1 10		1 10
Edward C. Terry,	2			2 00
Eliphalet Terry,	2			2 00
Frank B. Terry,	2			2 00
Charles E. Terry,	2			2 00
Gustavus Tripp,	2	55	7 15	9 70
Cassius E. Viall,	2	1 43	1474	18 17
Amanda Wilber,		0	I 43	I 43
George W. Westgate,	2	1 98	9 35	13 33
George H. Westgate,	2	ΙΙ	4 95	7 06
Eli Wardell,	2	- (-	6-	2 00
James B. Westgate,	2	1 65	12 65	16 30
Dean P. Westgate,	2	5 28	18 43	$^{25}7^{1}$
George E. Westgate,	2	28	0	2 28
Elijah Wilbur,		44	8 25	8 69
Bildad Williams,	2		3 03	5 03
George Williams,	2	55		2 55
George F. Wilbur,	2	1 49	30 53	34 02
Charles H. Williams,	2	55	19 80	22 35
Seth E. Williams,	2	1 93	24 75	28 68
James Wade,	2	2 37	20 90	23 27
Charles M. Wade,	2		0.05	2 00
William Whitmore's heirs,			9 35	9 35
Charles S. White,	2	9+	12 93	15 87
Damon White,	2			2 00
Carlos C. Welman,	2			2 00
Theodore Wilber,	2	11 00	01 1	14 10
Arthur White,	2	0 -		2 00
Frederic Whitaker,	2	83		2 83
Edward E. Whitaker,	2	3 08	5 50	10 58
Adoniram J. Wilcox,	2	72	7 70	10 42
W. Lyman Wade,	2	33	3 58	5 91
Marshall Williams,	2			2 00

Elisha C. Williams,	2	2 20	4 20
William C. Winchester,	2		2 00
Timothy Wilber,		28	28

NON RESIDENTS.

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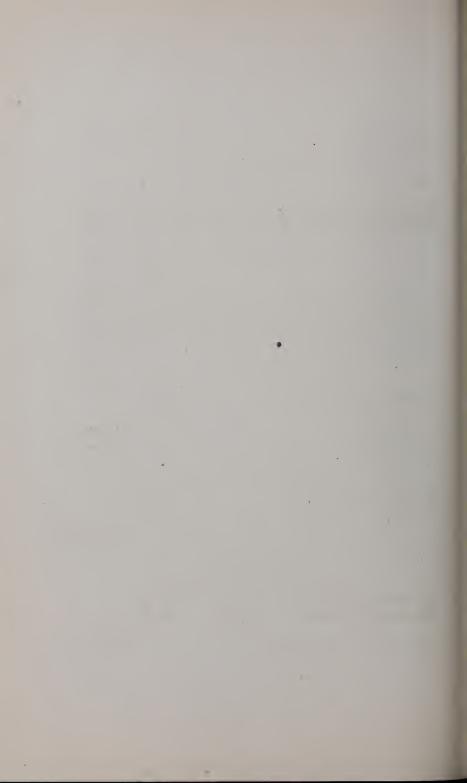
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Edward W. Macomber,	50 60
Nathan Clark,	7 26
George Seekell,	3 30
James H. Wade,	13 75
W. Morse,	9 90
J. Frank Dean,	24 48
Charles F. Johnson,	6 05
W. Albert Haskins,	55
Edward P, Macomber,	330
David C. Dean,	5 12
James I. Dean,	4 63
Charles W. Padelford,	33
Isaac D. Fish, Onsett Bay,	4 41
William Burt,	3 30
Benjamin Burt,	4 40
Samuel B. Chace,	7 15
Anthony & Cushman,	7 15
David W. Dean,	9 90
Jacob Eldridge,	1 38
Charles Bayliss,	8 80
Enoch Goff,	83
Philip Williams' heirs,	
Philip E. Williams,	55 28
Sylvia Hathaway heirs,	83
Enoch Hathaway heirs,	82
George Hart,	83
John W. Hart,	55 6 60
Edward O. Hart,	8 25
James E. Hart,	1 93
Lysander Hart,	1 93
Henry B. Macomber,	4 40
Samuel W. Macomber,	6 60
William F. Macomber's estate,	55

Stephen Pierce, Oliver Pierce, William Price, David Padelford, Elizabeth Padelford, James Paul's estate, Bernard Quigley's heirs, Alpheus Sanford heirs, Sinai Williams and others John E. Sanford, Abraham Shores, Lloyd Williams' heirs, George Williams, James Wetherel, A. White & Co., Jacob Phillips, Job Hamer, Lysander Soper, James Gillespie, Mary Haskins, Elkanah Hathaway, Alexander H. Williams, Alexander E. Burt,	28 1 38 8 80 1 10 1 10 4 95 1 65 3 19 4 40 2 20 1 65 3 30 8 80 6 05 7 70 3 85 3 30 5 5 1 65 1 2 65 5 55
Abial B. Staples, Israel French, Wid Alfred Baull	3 °3 2 75
Wid. Alfred Paull, Emily C. Williams,	5 50 6 05
Henry Shove,	5 28
FREETOWN.	
Charles H. Briggs, Daniel H. Cudworth, E. P. Hathaway, and George H. Evans, Charles Eddy, Jonathan Guerney, Charles E. Hathaway,	3 3° 55 2 75 83 88 2 75
Joseph D. Hathaway, Thomas G. Nichols' heirs, Nichols and Sampson's heirs. Gilbert M. Nichols, James Winslow,	1 1 28 1 65 2 75 5 50 1 38

John D. Wilson, Appollos Webster, Charles Braley, LAKEVILLE.	3 08 19 09 1 76
Clothier Allen's heirs,	6 05
John Allen,	66
John F. Allen,	18 92
Susan Strobridge heirs,	4 40
William Canedy,	2 09
Cyrus C. Elms,	7 59
Charles Farmer,	88
Jeremiah Murphy,	4 95
Jeremiah Murphy, Jr.,	12 10
Enos Pierce,	22
Abraham Pierces' heirs,	I 10
Job Pierce,	28
Amelia Paull,	2 20
Ethan E. Pierce,	₄ 84
Henry C. Pickens,	6 33
James P. Pierce,	5 72
W. Chester Pierce,	1 65
Henry L. Williams,	3 52
NEW BEDFORD.	
Daniel K. Androws' heirs,	16 78
Charles D. Burt,	
Ella R. Thomas,	55
Samuel B. Hamlin,	55
Caroline Morse,	3 30 2 48
J. Augustus Brownell,	60 50
Samuel H. Whitman,	13 20
• DIGHTON.	. 3 20
William W. French,	: 98
Shove and Perry,	7 70
Charles N. Simmons,	8 25
Noble S. Simmons' heirs,	5 50
Darius White,	66
James C. Standish,	55
Noah Chace,	6 60
Caroline Dean's heirs,	55
Isaac N. Babbitt,	5 50

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PROVIDENCE.	
William Seekell, Jane Benches' heirs. Frank D. Chester, Joseph W. Puffer	1 10 3 30 11 39 8 80
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Abby Chase, Portsmouth, R. I., Jonathan Crane, Illinois, Sumner Thompson, Vermont, John Crane's heirs, Cambridgeport, Mass. Benjamin F. Chace, Brockton, Ambrose Hathaway, Brighton, Enoch Sanford, Raynham, George W. Pierce, Boston, Ellen Anderson, Boston, Simmons Winslow, Foxboro, Old Colony R. R., Boston, Oliver E. French, Newport, R. I.,	4 40 1 65 5 50 13 20 17 33 4 95 1 93 3 30 2 75 11 22 44 00 20 91



REPORT

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Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

FOR 1886 AND 1887.

By instruction from the Town the grant of \$1,200, for Highways, Townways, and Bridges was divided, twothirds by mileage, one-third by valuation, with the following results:

DISTRICT No. 1. Amos H. Allen, Surveyor.

Allotment on 7½ miles,	\$139 53		
Allotment on valuation.	59 51		
		\$199 04	
Expended by A. H. Allen,		203 87	
DISTRICT NO	. 2.		
Thomas T. Burt, S	Surveyor.		
Allotment on 41 miles,	\$83 72		
Allotment on valuation,	73 17		
		\$156 89	
Expended by T. T. Burt,		165.59	
DISTRICT NO	. 3.		
Gideon H. Myrick,	Surveyor.		
Allotment on 63 miles,	\$118 60		
Allotment on valuation.	52.68		
		\$171 28	
Expended by G. H. Myrick,		$175 \ 07$	

DISTRICT No. 4.

George E. Boyce, Survey	or.	
Allotment on 33 miles,	\$69.76	
Allotment on valuation,	50 73	
		\$120 49
Expended by G. E Boyce,		130 71
District No. 5.		
Noah H. Strange, Survey	or.	
Allotment on 4 miles,	74 41	
Allotment on valuation,	$25 \ 37$	
		\$ 99 78
Expended by N. H. Strange,		109 45
DISTRICT No. 6,		
Christopher P. French, Surv	'evor	
Allotment on 8 miles,	148 83	
Allotment on valuation,	41 95	
Another of Valuation,	41 00	\$190 78
Ermandad by C. D. Enanch	and the state of t	198 31
Expended by C. P. French,		198 91
District No. 7.		
George S. Clark, Survey	or.	
Allotment on $8\frac{7}{8}$ miles,	165 11	
Allotment on valuation,	96.58	
		\$261 69
Expended by G. S. Clark,		261 69
Amount expended,	- -	1,244 69

Settled with William J. Hirsch, Superintendent of the Town Farm, and the following is a list of debits and credits for each month of the year, ending March 31st, 1887.

		DEBITS.	CREDITS.
For the Month of	April,	140.59	56.54
	May,	77 35	44 75
	June,	52.04	46 50
	July,	70-30	106.55
	August.	72.25	101.04
	September,	64-04	=62.25
	October,	81 15	92.87
•	November,	55.78	107-61
	December,	46 02	69.78
	January.	43 51	44 99
	February.	31 59	87 31
	March,	26.76	58 00
		\$761.38	\$878 19

The balance in favor of the Town, \$116.81; together with \$75,00 previously drawn from Town Treasury, and an order at time of settlement for \$43.19 pays his year's salary of \$235. We have secured the services of Mr. Hirsch and wife for another year for \$240.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE, MARCH 29th, 1887.

1 horse, 6 cows, Lyearling, Haifty 2 calves,	李月生500	$\begin{array}{c} \$50\ 00 \\ 225\ 00 \\ 25\ 00 \\ 25\ 00 \end{array}$	50.00
4 shoats,		-30=00	20.00
Sow and pigs, 3 tons English hav,	61287	25 00 54 00	

15 tons black grass,	18 00
1 hay cutter,	3 50
1 mowing machine.	40 00
2 plows an cultivator.	10 00
1 harrow and rack	5 00
1 horse rake,	$23 \ 00$
2 loafer and 3 hand rakes.	2 00
4 hay forks,	1 25
2 shovels and forks,	1 00
1 tackle and hames,	2 00
Harness and double reins,	17 50
Ladders and stump hook,	2 00
4 whiffle-trees and wrench.	3 00
1 express wagon.	25 00
1 farm wagon.	25 00
8 chains, sledge and iron bar.	5 00
1 grindstone,	2 00
2 seythes and snath,	2 00
37 hens,	= 22/20
11 cords wood.	45 00
2 horse blankets and sundries.	5 00
2 saws, 2 axes and hatchet, •	3 00
3 hoes,	7.5
15 bushels potatoes,	10 00
5 bushels turnips, •	1 50
16 pounds lard.	2 00
2 churns and clothes wringer.	5 00
2 milk pails.	1.50
Boxes and moulds,	50
27 milk pans,	1 50
20 gal. vinegar.	3 00
. 44 chestnut posts.	6 60

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UKON Kelle	,
Cider and pork barrels.	2 00
3 jugs and lantern,	1 50
Tubs and firkins,	1 50
7 bbls. ashes.	5 00
Soap and fish.	1.75
4 brooms,	75
1 bus. beans.	1.75
Pop corn,	60
Seed corn.	1 50
Rye meal.	7.5
Set of measures,	1 00
35 sacks,	1 50
14 bbls, and 9 pails, .	2.20
210 lbs. farmers' pork,	20 00
7 beds and bedsteads,	20.00
Wash boiler and boards,	1 00
3 kettles and spider, .	1 75
5 baskets and clothes line.	1 50
1 teakettle, •	75
2 stoves and pipe.	15 00
3 lamps.	1 25
15 sheets.	6 00
10 pair pillow slips, *	2 00
11 fowels,	1 25
6 comfortables.	7 50
7 comfortables,	3 00
1 steelyard. 5 woolen blankets.	75 3 00
5 woolen blankets. Groceries.	7 00
Tin and crockery ware,	-7 00
Tables, chairs and bureaus,	4 00
Horse sled.	57.00
Sum total,	\$870 65

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Bradford Macomber and John Westgate are all the persons receiving care at the Farm at present. During the past winter Silas Shove has been receiving medical attendance and coal at the expense of the town. Francis B. Briggs has been sick, and being unable to be moved has been cared for in a neighboring town, but is now able to take care of himself. The following are still receiving assistance: Darius Sandford, \$1 per week: the Simmons family \$10 per month, and Fred French at Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

The following bills for material, repairs and salary have been paid out of the Town Treasury for the year ending April 1st, 1887, on account of Almshouse:

Peter L. Chase, two cows,	70 00
George B. Williams, lumber,	9 36
Wire and hooks for fence,	10-69
Elisha Belcher, painting	4 00
A. E. Dean, 42 chestnut posts,	3 78
Staples & Phillips, cement,	4 00
Buffinton & Saunders, lumber,	4 10
Simeon H. Luther, repairs to wagon.	7 00
Henry Hathaway, repairs.	14 00
N. G. Case, mason work.	17 95
W. J. Hirsch, cash,	75 00
" balance of salary,	43 19
John Thrasher, plowing two days,	7 00
Total,	\$270 07

The above sum is the total cost to the town of the Almshouse for the past year, although most of the sum was spent for permanent improvements; taking the whole sum our paupers have cost the town but \$1.29 each per week.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED, 1886.

Charles F. Phillips, aged 35, and Mary Berrows, aged 22.

Edward W. Dexter, aged 23, and Angeline A. Seymour, aged 18.

Herbert W. Stone, aged 21, and Annie E. Richmond,

aged 18.

Reuben Chase, aged 50, and Susan Welch, aged 44. James D. Dillingham, aged 58, and Fenella Henderson, aged 25.

Charles S. Coombs, aged 23, and Mary C. Evans, aged 28.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BERKLEY, 1886.

Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
Leroy Henry Legge,	Henry J. Legge,
	Edner C. "
Grace Rebecca White,	Benjamin A. White,
	Fannie M. "
Ethel Augusta Wellman,	Carlos C. Wellman,
	Martha M. "
Julia Sullivan,	Michael Sullivan,
	Mary "
Carrie Louisa Babbitt,	Cablet D. Babbitt,
	Hellena J. "
William B. Hathaway,	George F. Hathaway,
	E. J. "
Emma Nichols Boyce.	George E. Boyce,
	Sarah E
Edwin Whitman Wardell.	Eli Wardell.
	Nancy E. Wardell.

Martha Ellen Howard,	Fred Howard,
	Carrie E. "
Laurance Austin Reid,	James S. Reid,
`	Armetta H. Reid.
Charles Henry Thrasher,	John H. Thrasher,
	Olive M. "
Charles Alton Boyce,	D. Alton Boyce.
	O. A. "
Clarence Edward Burt,	S. Albert Burt,
Arthur Clenton Reynolds,	Alonzo F. Reynolds,
•	Sophima A. "
Lucy Fuller Smith,	Edward L. Smith,
	Lucy F. "

DEATHS REGISTERED IN BERKLEY, 1886.

	Years.	Months.	Days.
Francis Newhall,	71		,
Ernest H. Crowningshield,	13	6	ñ
Charles Bissett,	66	.5	
Silas Norcutt,	79		
Abial B. Crane,	77	11	22
Maria J. Strange,	56		
Walter D. Nichols,	72	10	11
Mary A. Westgate.	68	1	4
Mary B. French,	79	8	23
Sophia F. Cummings.	55 .	4	24
Theodore H. Eaton.	31	6	10
Mary E. Staples.	66	4	16
Ruth Wade.	87		10

Number of dogs licensed in town, seventy-six; female dogs, two.

VALUATION, MAY 1, 1886.

Assessed v	alue of Real Estate, Personal Estate,	•	\$343,969 00 64,250 00
Total	valuation,		\$408,219 00
	Polls in Town,		255
	Persons paying only Poll To	ax.	82
	Tax payers,		341
	Dwelling houses,		239
	Horses.		216
	Cows.		274
	Sheep,		127
	Acres of land taxed,		96 50
	Rate per \$1,000, \$11.0	0	70 90
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	tion for State, County and To)WH (*
	te Tax,		\$375 00
	ınty Tax,		470 35
Puk	olic Schools,		1.200 00
Hig	hways and Bridges.		1,200 00
Nev	v School House.		1,600 00
Nev	v Road,		. 150 00
	erlay on Taxes.		57 75
	•		
			*85,052 91
	CALVIN T. CRAN HERCULES DEAN CHARLES F. PAU	Ι,	Selectmen of Berkley.

Report of School Committee.

Time rolls his ceaseless course, another y	ear is
gathered to the past, and your Committee is ag	ain re-
minded of a legal requirement; in fulfilling that de	uty we
present the following statistics:	
Population of Berkley by State census, 1885,	941
Number of children returned by Assessors between	
the ages of 5 and 15 for 1886,	144
Number between 8 and 14 years,	130
Whole number of pupils enrolled for the year,	163
Average attendance during the year,	112
Number of weeks the Schools were in session.	31
Expense to town for each pupil enrolled,	\$7.24
Expense to town for each pupil actually attending,	10.71
Average cost per week for a teacher,	6.86
Money expended by town since the new law came	
into effect for books, as follows:	
For the year 1884,	125 52
For the year 1885,	145 87
For the year 1886,	144 73
On the number of pupils enrolled last year, each,	* 89
On the average attendance last year, each, each,	1 29

Our schools have made great changes in the last half century in many ways, and all for the better. In the year In the year 1833 there were attending the schools in this town 367 pupils; population nearly the same as at present, but with less territory. In localities with 16 pupils now, at the date mentioned 59 pupils attended school; one reason for this great difference is, then the pupil attended school until of legal age. Now they have a shorter continuous service at school, until 14 or 15 years old, and then leave to fit themselves for some occupation or to complete their education in some higher grade of school. Male teachers were paid \$5 per week, females \$2, and board around. This compensation will compare favorably with the present, if all things are taken into consideration. The school houses of that date, destitute of paint. with the desks against the wall, seats without backs and cramped for room, would not compare with our convenient, roomy houses of to-day; a comparison of the branches taught then and now exhibit great advancement. and requires more extended information on the part of the teachers of to-day; to perform their duty, and the discipline, from the arbitrary use of the rod, to a cheerful submission to wise authority, on the part of the pupil.

Our teachers have conducted their several schools as well as could be expected, except in one or two instances, and then not altogether their fault. Your Committee have been guided in the selection of teachers by the requirements of the different schools, and as far as possible employed the best that their means would admit. The effect of a better class of teachers may be noticed in the attendance and number of older pupils for the winter term, compared with previous years, and higher branches being taught. Most of the pupils appear to take interest in the different branches, and what is to be desired, conversant with what they have studied. The most marked improvement in the pupils has been with the teachers that

have taken proper measures to qualify themselves for their occupation. Your Board would fail in its duty if it omitted to call your attention to the fact that our average attendance is falling lower each year; in 1885 the per cent. was seventy-five, in 1886 it was seventy-two and in 1887 less than sixty-nine on the number of pupils enrolled. This may be caused partially by the neglect of parents to co-operate with teachers in cultivating that ambition in the child that is necessary to the successful scholar, and prompt attendance being a long step in that direction. Obedience to duty on the part of parents would check this growing indifference.

Within the past year your Board has placed the Lippincott Series of Readers in the schools of the town for several reasons. In using the old series whenever there was a reader required there was no similarity with those in use, and it created much confusion; and as the old readers had been in use some years they were not of the latest methods and had become familiar and tiresome to the pupils. Arrangements were made with an agent in Boston of Messrs. Lippincott & Co. to take our old readers and in exchange give us the new series at a cost to the town of \$36.40. The new series is well spoken of by our teachers and others as an aid in teaching writing, grammar, geography and history, and opens a more modern way of learning than by the older methods.

Physiology has been introduced into all of the schools in compliance with law, as one of the means of staying the spread of intemperance by disseminating a knowledge of and impressing on the minds of the young the effects of stimulants on the human system, morally and physically, and their terrible results when habitually

used. For practical illustrations pupils have but to look about them.

As the standard of education is much higher at present than in the past, the requirements from teachers are more also, and they are called upon for more time to devote to their studies and complete their course of training. Of necessity the expense is also increased, and taking this into consideration it is plain that professional teachers are worth more and worthy of liberal compensation. Parents demand, and our advanced pupils require these teachers, and it has been the aim of your Board to furnish this class of instructors: but with the school grant reduced to the lowest sum for several years, and but part of the reduction made good by the new law in relation to a division of State School Fund, has been unable to give perfect satisfaction in every instance. Our school houses are deficient in maps, globes, charts and other aids to teachers and pupils; some without a standard dictionary. It is suggested that the town place to the credit of the School Fund \$1,500 for the ensuing year, which would allow the twenty-five per cent. of State School Fund to be used for the necessary apparatus for the school houses, and a great deficiency supplied.

Our new school house at Burt's Corners was completed and used for the winter term; it is a fine commodious edifice, situated on elevated ground, neatly finished inside with white wood and furnished with the latest improved scats and desks. When the surroundings are completed and the school room provided with means of illustration, should satisfy the most fastidious. No one will deny that the town has been liberal (some say extravagent) in providing school buildings; but the purpose for

which they were erected should not be lost sight of, and the same liberality extended in providing the necessary means for the successful education of our young.

Would call your attention to the unprotected condition of our school buildings in case of fire, and the loss that would incur if such an event should take place. The warning that was received a few months ago might be heeded, and a partial insurance at least placed on the town buildings.

ROLL OF HONOR.

One pupil, Alton H. Babbitt, neither absent nor tardy during the year; several others only failing by a day or two by reason of sickness. Pupils not tardy for the year: At the Common, Lillie M. Blinn, M. Florrie Dean, Minnie C. Maker, Lottie B. Crane, Fred B. Blinn, Josie H. Babbitt, Elmer Maker and Clarence Lincoln; at the Corners, Clara Macomber, Sadie Macomber, Fannie Wellman, Abbie J. Cummings, Lizzie L. Smith, Cora D. Smith, Roy O. Wellman, Arthur H. Smith, Willie G. Tripp and E. Foster Macomber; at Bridge, Ralph W. Thrasher and Linneas Whittaker; at Neck, Elsie L. Delano; at Strange's, Nellie Staples, Eva and Ada Strange; at Myricks, Lizzie W. Wade, Jane J., Cora B. Nancy A. and Mary L. Meack and Percy Haskins.

RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOL.	DISBURSEMENTS FOR PUBLIC						
	SCHOOLS.						
Town Grant, \$1,200 00	Paid Teachers, \$1,497 50						
State School Fund, 309 87	Wood and Cutting, 130 56						
Income Dog Fund, 137 27	Building Fires, 25 30						

Total Receipts, \$1,647 14 Total Expenditures, \$1,653 36 Berkley, March 28th, 1887.

 $\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{CALVIN T. CRANE,} \\ \text{BENJ. F. COOMBS,} \\ \text{ROLLIN H. BABBITT.} \end{array} \right) \stackrel{School \, Committee}{of \, Berkley.}$

No. of School.	TEACHER'S NAME.	No. of Terms.	Whole number of pupils.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Enrollment for the year.	Over 15 years of age.	Under 5 years of age.	Between 8 & 14 years of age.	Length of term in months.	Compensation per month.
	(Julia R. Burt,	1	22	20 8	19.5				13	21	\$28
1 -		2	26	24.2	22.8		2		13	21	28
- 1		3	31	28.3	24.6	30	4 2		16	34	32
	M. A. B. Wilbur,	1	35	27.9	24.1			1	25	24	28
2	}	2	35	30.2	26.4		2 5	1	25	24	28
	Bessie Chase.	3	31	29 4	24.4	42	5		21	31	32
	Eunice B. Peirce,	1	15	13.6	12.7		1	2	7	21	28
3	Laurilla E. Alden,	2	14	12.2	12 2			2	9	24	24
	(T) 12	3	14	12 5	11.7	15		2	12	34	24
	(E. D. Gayron,	$\frac{1}{2}$	16	13.	13.5				11	21/2	28
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			15	14.3	11.7	16		,	12	31	28
-	Nellie R. Strange.	1	12	11.7	9.7	0	1	1	7	24	24
5	3	3	7	7.	6.5		0	1	4	24	24
	(Mahal (D. Aahlaa			12.	10.4	14	3	1	6	31	24
6	Mabel T. Ashley,	$\frac{1}{2}$	12	11.4			1	1	10	21	26
0	j	$\frac{2}{3}$	16	11.9	8. 10.1	16	1 1		10	24	26
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-	Mary E. Gray.	2	30	26.	23.		4		19	$\frac{1\frac{1}{2}}{2\frac{1}{2}}$	28 28
4	Florence L. Crocker			26. 27.	20.	30	4		19	33	32
	(Florence 17. Crocker	0	30	26.	20.	90	1	1	19	9.1	32











